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Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving. *Col. iv. 2.*

And the smoke of the incence which came with the prayers of the saints ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. *Rev. viii. 4.*

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REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

THE general estimation in which your character is held by the Church of CHRIST, —the unwearied solicitude and zeal which you have long evinced in promoting that religion which brings, "*Glory to GOD in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men,*"—and the instruction and advantages which I have personally received from your ministry and friendship, induced me to submit the following FORMS OF PRAYER to *your better judgment*, and since they have met with *your approbation*, I feel an humble confidence in *thus* presenting them to the public. Should they be the means through the divine blessing of awakening, comforting, or strengthening any person into whose hands they may fall,

I trust we shall unite in rendering all the praise to that gracious Being to whom alone it is due.

THAT you, sir, may long continue to be the happy instrument of diffusing *the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of the Divine Redeemer*, both by your public and private ministrations,—that you may behold grace reigning triumphant in the hearts of the spiritual children whom the Lord has given you,—and that you may meet those who are now *your hope and joy*, yea, your *crown of rejoicing*, in the presence of the LORD JESUS, when the pangs of parting and separation shall be eternally forgotten,—is the sincere wish of many an uplifted heart, and I hope of none more fervently than of his, who esteems it his privilege to subscribe himself,

Your much obliged friend,

The AUTHOR.

Cork, July 8, 1811.

PREFACE,

TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE following PRAYERS for the *use of Families and Social Meetings* have been the pleasing occupation of the Writer's leisure hours for several months past, and he now ventures to present them to the RELIGIOUS PUBLIC with an ardent desire that they may be attended with the blessing of God. Revelation and experience have deeply impressed his mind with a consciousness of his own inability for a performance of this nature; but he has felt throughout much encouragement from the words of the Apostle Paul, "*Our sufficiency is of God.*" To the strength, the guidance, and the teaching of the Holy Spirit he has daily looked, beseeching him to help his infirmities, to prepare his heart, and to direct his pen; and he humbly hopes that he has not looked altogether in vain.

In the composition of these Prayers he has endeavoured to keep the *inspired Volume* continually in view, desiring that the sentiments which they breathe may correspond with *its* sacred truths; and considering the Bible as a devotional book; consisting in a great degree, (especially the Psalms of David, and the Epistles of St. Paul) of humble adorations,—contrite acknowledgments of man's guilt, his depravity, and his helplessness,—earnest supplications for mercy, pardon, and peace,—and grateful praises and thanksgiving to our REDEEMING GOD for all blessings, temporal and spiritual, public and personal,—he has frequently borrowed *its* sacred language, and he feels a confidence, that in the estimation of every *Christian mind*, the language of the BIBLE will be deemed best calculated to promote spiritual worship, to comfort the heart, and to raise the soul to Heaven.*

* "How cold and dead does a prayer appear that is composed in the most elegant and polite forms of speech, which are natural to our tongue, when it is not heightened by that solemnity of phrase, which may be drawn from the sacred writings! It has been said by some of the ancients that if the gods were to talk with men, they would certainly speak in Plato's style; but I think we may say with justice, that when

As almost every part of this great charter of grace testifies of CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED, —as He is the substance of all its arguments, the Sun that gives life and vigour to the whole system, the Fountain from whence the only pure streams of spiritual light and wisdom, holiness and happiness flow,—it has been the Writer's object to make Him the leading feature of the following pages;—for it is the incense of His sacrifice, the value of His merits, the prevailing efficacy of His intercession, which alone can cause our prayers to ascend to the mercy-seat of our God, so as to be heard, accepted, and answered.*

mortals converse with their Creator, they cannot do it in so proper a style as in that of the HOLY SCRIPTURES.

ADDISON, *Spec.* No. 405.

* There are also introduced into the following Forms of Prayer, several suitable phrases from the valuable Liturgy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which has been justly considered as the *Echo* of the sacred writings.

* BISHOP REYNOLDS, (Author of the *Exceeding sinfulness of Sin, Life of Christ,* &c.) thus writes, Sermon XXIII. "All things to be prayed for do necessarily carry us unto CHRIST. HIS Father the Answerer of our Prayers: *I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Eph. III. 14. HIS Spirit, the Au-

The Writer is well aware that the inexpediency of *Forms of Prayer* may be urged by some persons as tending to damp our inward devotion, to induce formality and indifference, and to withhold from us the opportunity of introducing suitable petitions and thanksgivings, adapted to our peculiar circumstances, which are ever varying in this mortal life. It would be beside his present purpose to discuss this subject freely: but perhaps it will be allowed by the most strenuous advocates for *extemporaneous prayer*, that it is better to pray with an approved form than not at all, or than to use in social worship incoherent and irreverent expressions. In secret when communing with our God, retired and alone, the contrite sigh, the grateful effusions of the heart offered through the Divine REDEEMER, meet with an answer of peace, and require no ornaments of speech to make them more acceptable in the sight of the *heart-searching God:* but when the Master of a Family, or any one who leads the worship of the social circle, acts as

thor of our prayers: *The Spirit of the Son in our hearts, crieth, Abba Father.* Gal. iv. 6. HIS Name the argument of our Prayers: *Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.* John XVI. 23. HIS intercession, the efficacy of our Prayers: this *the incense offered with the Prayers of all Saints upon the golden altar.*" REV. VIII. 3.

a mouth to others, something more seems necessary; there should be, if extemporaneous prayer be used, a quick invention, a readiness of utterance, and a formed judgment, in order to adapt the petitions to the several circumstances and wants of the hearers; and as some may want these abilities, and others may not feel a confidence to put them in exercise, a scriptural form of Prayer may assuredly be used with advantage. And though it may not enter into all the shades of difference which exist in the experience of different individuals, (which, perhaps, are known only to God and their own souls;) yet may it not express those wants, feelings, desires, and rejoicings of the heart, which are common to all the disciples of the Lord Jesus? *"As in water face answereth to face, so the heart of man to man."*

The writer however has not the most remote intention of employing the feeble efforts of his pen to discountenance the exercise of extemporaneous Prayer: No, where the Lord gives *"the "preparation of the heart and the answer of the "tongue,"* extemporaneous prayer should be encouraged. Nor does he wish to confine those who use the following forms to the exact words

or the connection in which the several petitions stand; for the Christian reader may use them merely as *helps*, and may change, enlarge, or contract, as his judgment directs. Neither does the Writer expect, or wish, by presenting this little work to the Public, to supersede the many excellent devotional forms at present in use; but as these are in general scarce and expensive, he hopes that he may not have misemployed his leisure hours, in adding to their number.* In conclusion he would humble himself before the Throne of Grace, and pray that, if these Forms speak according to "the law and to the testimony." they may prove a means of spiritual benefit to the hearts of the *Writer* and of the *Reader*, and that both may unite with the Psalmist in praising God and saying "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake."

* Some Families adopt the plan of using alternately Forms of Prayer written by different authors.

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PART I.

A COURSE OF

FAMILY PRAYERS,

For every Morning and Evening in the Week.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen*

2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

THE Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Or this,

THE Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Amen.*

IN order to promote a spirit of devotion, to raise the thoughts above this world, and to fix the affections upon their proper Object, it is strongly recommended that when the Family are assembled, previous to prayer, a select portion of the Word of God should be read: and if circumstances admit, that an appropriate Psalm or Hymn should be sung.

**** References to portions of Scripture which may be read by the Family on particular occasions and also a few suitable Hymns are introduced at the end of this Book.*

SUNDAY MORNING.

O MERCIFUL LORD from whom alone every good and perfect gift cometh, pour upon us, we humbly beseech Thee, the Spirit of Thy grace, that we may approach Thy mercy-seat through our divine Redeemer, and make known our requests unto Thee by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.

We praise Thee for the great encouragement which Thou hast given us, to worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. We confess that we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, and are unworthy to come into thy presenee; but we would draw near unto Thee, because thou has graciously opened to us a door of access, through faith in Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and hast revealed Thyself as our merciful Father in *Him*. We bless Thee, that through *Him* Thou hast sent a full, free and everlasting redemption; that Thou hast commanded Thy covenant for ever, and sealed it with *His* atoning blood,—and that in Thy blessed gospel Thou dost promise pardon and peace to all those who believe in *His* name. O Lord, we believe, help Thou our unbelief.—Enable us by faith to look unto JESUS as the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, and to receive out of His fulness grace to supply our wants, to conform our souls to His divine image, and to enrich us with all the blessings of His salvation.

Blessed Lord, we adore Thy name for having appointed this day to be kept *holy*; for *this* is the day of *sacred rest* which Thou hast made,—*this* is the *Sabbath*, the holy of the LORD; which, in Thine infinite wisdom and goodness, Thou hast consecrated to Thyself, as a memorial of the accomplishment of the works of creation, and of the still more glorious work of redemption.

Alas! too often have we abused and profaned Thy *Sabbaths*, wasting them in the pursuit of the unsatisfying pleasures of this world.—Too often have we rushed into the courts of Thy sanctuary without consideration, or without any desire to worship Thee *in spirit and in truth*:—Yea, too often have we put on the mask of hypocrisy, approaching Thee with our lips whilst our hearts were unhumbled and unclean in Thy sight. But, O thou Lord of the Sabbath, look on us now in mercy. Pardon this, as well as all our other multiplied offences against Thee; and give us grace from henceforth to glorify Thee by the sanctification of *Thy Sabbaths*, not only *outwardly*

in our actions, but *inwardly* in our thoughts and affections, that we may find them, as they were designed to be, delightful foretastes of the eternal rest prepared for all Thy ransomed people.

Gracious God, meet and bless us in all our religious services *this* day, and whether we are engaged in *secret*, in *family*, or in *public* worship, impart to us a holy solemnity of mind. But especially when we enter into the courts of Thy sanctuary, impress our minds with an awful sense of Thine exalted majesty and glory, and help us in every part of the services of this day, to realize Thy gracious presence. Check every vain and wandering thought. and deliver us from that coldness and formality with which we are so often oppressed. Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to receive Thy gospel, and make us joyful with fresh discoveries of the grace and truth that is in Jesus Christ. May Thy word be profitable, being mixed with faith in us, and may it be as good seed, bringing forth the fruits of righteousness and true holiness to Thy honour and glory.

*[Blessed Lord, let Thy gracious presence be especially with those of us who shall attend Thy Table this day. Help us in that sacred ordinance to commemorate Thy *dying love.* Kindle within us genuine repentance, lively faith, and fervent charity; and though we are unworthy to gather up the crumbs that fall from Thy Table, yet, relying on Thine exceeding great and precious promises, may we approach Thee in the character of Thy children, and "feed upon THEE in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving." And while we are refreshed with these pledges of Thy love, O enable us cheerfully to yield up ourselves to Thy service; and to glorify Thee with our bodies, and our spirits which are thine.]

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we beseech Thee to bless *all* that wait upon Thee in Thy house this day, and adapt Thy mercies to their several wants. Clothe Thy word with power, and make it effectual

* This paragraph should *only* be read when any of the family intend to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

to the subduing of many hearts to the obedience of Christ. Awaken the careless,—humble the proud,—comfort the afflicted,—strengthen the weak,—give to them that mourn in Zion beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Bless all Thy ministering servants, and especially those who labour amongst *us* in the word and doctrines which Thou hast revealed for our instruction. May they go forth in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace; and, being sensible of the important charge committed to them, may they be instant in season, and out of season, showing the people their transgressions, and making known the mystery of the glorious gospel of God our Saviour.—O let Thine almighty power be manifested, and let Thy truth have free course and be glorified.

Accept these our prayers and supplications we humbly beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate,

to whom with Thee, O Heavenly Father, and Thee, O Eternal Spirit, the Comforter and Sanctifier of the Church of God, we desire to unite with angels and the spirits of just men made perfect, in ascribing all might, majesty and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who humblest thyself to listen to the adorations of the *heavenly hosts above;* how great is Thy condescension in regarding the feeble thanksgivings and supplications of sinful mortals. But Thy ways are not as our ways, neither are Thy thoughts as our thoughts. Thou hast of Thine infinite goodness made known unto us the mysteries of Thy grace. Thou hast revealed Thyself as delighting in mercy, and being glorified in the salvation of sinners through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Enable us to take shelter in this Thine appointed refuge; and finding pardon and

acceptance with Thee, may our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise ascend up before Thee, perfumed with the incense of *His merits*, and be heard, accepted, and answered by Thee.

We bless Thy Name for having placed our dwelling where the bright beams of Thy glorious gospel shine forth,—and for the many seasons and means of grace which Thou hast afforded us,—and especially for the opportunities we have enjoyed *this day* of waiting upon Thee in the ordinances of Thine own appointment. But alas! O Lord, The review of even *this day* fills us with shame and confusion of face; for what coldness of affection, what wandering of thought, what want of reverence, of love, and of gratitude, have we betrayed in all our religious services! Surely, we are altogether unprofitable servants.

But we desire now to cast ourselves at Thy footstool, beseeching Thee, O Lord, for Christ's sake to pardon all our iniquity, yea the iniquity of our *holy things*. Wash

us in the fountain of His atoning blood,—clothe us with the robe of His justifying righteousness,—and sanctify our hearts by the purifying grace of His Spirit. O shine upon us, and give us clearer views of the *truth as it is in* JESUS. And may it influence our tempers and dispositions, our life and conduct. that in all things we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour.

Gracious God, let not the word of Thy truth which we have heard *this day* with *our outward ears*, return unto Thee void. Enlighten our understandings, and open our hearts to receive it in love and in power Grant that we may not only "read and mark" but also "learn and inwardly digest" those Holy Scriptures which are able to make us wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. O Lord, bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Make known unto us His power and glory, and may we find in HIM all our fresh springs of grace and strengh, of consolation and joy.

Blessed Lord, hear the prayers which have been offered up this day for all sorts and conditions of men. To Thee the secrets of their hearts are open, and Thou knowest their several characters and wants; strengthen the weak,—comfort the afflicted,—instruct the ignorant,—take away the heart of stone,—and cause the impenitent sinner to cry for mercy. Inspire continually Thy universal church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord. Bless the labours of Thy ministering servants. May the seed which they have sown bring forth fruit to the praise and glory of Thy grace. And O let Thy ways be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations; let both Jews and Gentiles be gathered into the Redeemer's kingdom; and let every one that nameth the name of Christ, depart from all iniquity.

We now commit ourselves into Thy care and fatherly protection. Watch over us during the dark and silent hours of the night, and refresh our wearied bodies with sleep; and if it be consistent with Thy

good pleasure, raise us up in health and safety to enjoy the light of *another day*. O Lord, establish Thy kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, within our hearts. Water our souls with the dew of Thy blessing, that we may grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and be enabled to hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end.

Blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things: and blessed be Thy glorious name for ever, and let the whole earth be filled with Thy glory. Amen, and Amen.

MONDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL GOD, Thou art the inexhaustable Fountain of wisdom, of truth, and of mercy! Grant us Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that we may draw nigh unto Thee, through JESUS CHRIST our Lord, and praise our God while we have our being.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most High: to show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night. Day after day presents fresh instances of Thy tender compassion towards us. We have been protected by Thee during the *last* night; —we have been refreshed with comfortable sleep,—and are now permitted, with the renewed gift of life, and health, to behold the light of *another* morning Sun, and to spread before Thy mercy-seat all our wants and desires. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless his holy name!

But how should we venture into Thy awful presence, and take Thy sacred Name upon our lips! We are guilty, corrupt and helpless creatures. Our souls cleave unto the dust, and even our secret sins which are unknown to others, and which our own deceitful hearts excuse or make light of, are all seen by Thee, and expose us to Thy anger and condemnation. But for-

ever adored be Thy Name! Mercy rejoiceth against Judgment, and through the atoning sacrifice and perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, Thou art reconciled to all who come unto Thee in this Thy appointed way! There is redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Thy grace.

O Lord enable us to flee for refuge to this hope that is set before us in Christ Jesus; help us to feel our need of HIM, and to discern the all-sufficiency of His salvation. And as Thou hast with Thy holy arm exalted Thy beloved Son to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins, we would implore from his grace that repentance which is not to be repented of—that true conviction of sin—that genuine sorrow and contrition of heart, which proceeds from a sense of redeeming love,—and that pardon which He bestows, that we may forsake sin and every thing that is contrary to Thy holy word. O give us broken and con-

trite hearts, and come and dwell in us, according to Thy promise. Though we have been afar off, from Thee, our God, yet we would draw nigh to Thee by the blood of Christ. May we no longer be strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. Arm us with the armour of righteousness on the right hand, and on the left. Enable us to fight the good fight of faith, to resist all our spiritual enemies, to overcome our numerous temptations, to mortify our sinful habits, and to abound in all the graces of the Christian life.

We now commend to Thy protection and mercy our dear relatives and friends. May Thy grace and peace be with them. Bless all who love the LORD JESUS in sincerity. Strengthen the weak in faith. Comfort the afflicted in body or mind. Enable them to look unto HIM who bore their griefs, and carried their sorrows. Bring home to Thy fold such as still wander from Thy ways, that they may attend to the things which belong to their peace, before they be for

ever hidden from their eyes. Bless the ministers of Thy everlasting Gospel. Make them zealous for Thy glory, and the happy instruments of turning many to righteousness. Bless the President of the United States and all inferior Magistrates whom Thy Providence has set over us. Direct all their measures to the maintenance of peace, the furtherance of divine truth, and the advancement of the Redeemer's glory, both at home and among the nations of the earth. And O enlarge and purify Thy Church throughout all its borders. May false religion, superstition, and self-righteousness perish at Thy feet, and may the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Accept in mercy, O Heavenly Father, these our supplications and prayers. Send down an answer of peace, and do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, through JESUS CHRIST, our High Priest and Advocate,—To whom with thee, O Heavenly FATHER, and thee, O Eternal SPIRIT, one GOD in three

Persons, the God of our salvation, be glory and honour from all creatures in heaven and on earth, now and for evermore. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY EVENING.

O Thou infinitely glorious and merciful Lord God, Thou art worthy to receive glory, honour, and power from all thy creatures, for Thou has created all things, and for thy pleasure they are, and were created. We would close this day with the solemn acts of self-abasement and humiliation of soul which our great sinfulness requires.

O Lord, when we examine into our own hearts and lives, how ill do we appear to requite Thy love! Alas, the crown is indeed fallen from our heads, for we are

sinners both by nature and by practice. We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, and have preferred the vanities and follies of this transitory world to thy favour. Yea, even since the blessings of salvation, through our crucified Redeemer, have been set before us, how often have we made light of them, and given way to an evil heart of unbelief!—how often have we abused the mercy which we still implore, and forsaken the fountain of living waters, in order to seek happiness from the broken cisterns of earthly enjoyments and possessions!

Surely, it is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed, because Thy compassions fail not! Thou art still the unchangeable God, the same yesterday, to day, and for ever. Thou hast set no bounds to Thy mercy, but dost magnify the freeness and fulness of Thy grace, by never rejecting the contrite sighs, nor denying the humble requests of those who call upon Thee through the merits of Thy dear Son.—O Lord, for His sake, we again implore Thy

pardoning grace. Thou knowest our iniquities, for they are not hid from Thee. Remember them not against us, but according to Thy mercy in Christ Jesus, remember Thou us, O Lord. Wash away our guilt in the fountain that is opened in His precious blood. Cover us in the robe of His justifying righteousness, and sanctify us by the purifying influences of His HOLY SPIRIT. So that being *washed*, and *justified*, and *sanctified* in the name of the LORD JESUS, and by the SPIRIT of our GOD, we may have comfortable evidence that Thou hast adopted us into Thy family, and bestowed upon us the glorious privileges of Thy children.

Gracious God! we have from sad experience, great cause to lament our departure from Thee, and our insufficiency to help ourselves. We require Thy support, and Thy guidance in all time of our wealth and prosperity, as well as in every hour of sorrow and temptation. Leave us not to our own deceitful hearts. Quicken our souls which cleave to the dust. Renew

them after Thine own image. And may Thy glory be the great object and aim of our souls. O that we may be kept in holy communion and fellowship with Thee, and have some foretaste of that blessedness which is to be enjoyed hereafter around the throne of the Lamb.

Into Thy hands, O Heavenly Father, we now commend ourselves, and all our personal and relative interests this night. Thou art the Keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest. May we lay ourselves down in peace and take our rest, remembering that it is Thou alone that makest us to dwell in safety. And, should we be in mercy permitted to see another day, may we grow in the grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. Every mercy we ask for His sake, who in compassion to our infirmities hath taught us thus to pray,

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

MOST HOLY, BLESSED, AND GLORIOUS LORD GOD, in whom we live, and move, and have our being! How great is Thy condescension and grace, that Thou shouldest look down with loving-kindness and compassion upon the children of men, and shouldest even deign to dwell with those who are of an humble and contrite spirit! O God, enable us to approach Thee with unfeigned humility and contrition of heart, —truly sensible of our weakness and insufficiency,—and pleading the atoning sacrifice of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, which alone can speak mercy, pardon, and peace to our guilty souls.

O Lord, Thou knowest our wants and our miseries. We can do nothing good of ourselves, nor can we sufficiently lament the corruption that fills our hearts. Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation. Turn us, and so shall we be turned. Draw our hearts with the cords of Thy love, and then we shall run after

Thee. Exhibit before us the grace and glory which are in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are communicated through Him to all that beleive on his name. O grant that confiding in *Him* as the Lord our Righeousness, we may find real peace and joy of soul, even that joy which is unspeakable and full of glory.

And as by the sacrifice of thy beloved Son on the cross, Thou hast manifested Thine utter hatred of sin, and Thy love of holiness; help us O God of our salvation, to abhor that which is evil, and to cleave to that which is good. Subdue every rebellious thought that subsists within us. Mortify every sinful inclination.—Shed abroad in our hearts the love of Christ by the Holy Ghost being given unto us, and clothe us with the spirit of humility, love, and self-denial. Suffer us not, O Lord, to set our affections inordinately upon any created good. May we always recollect that every earthly enjoyment is transitory and unsatisfying,— that this is not our place of rest,—and that we are

seeking a city which is eternal in the heavens, whose Builder and Maker is God;—and having our hope fixed on the Lord Jesus Christ, may we purify ourselves even as Thou art pure.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, hear our prayers in behalf of all sorts and conditions of men. Endue those whom Thy providence hath set over us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way. Take under Thy fatherly care all who are afflicted in mind, body, or estate. In the painful visitations of Thy providence, may they hear Thy still small voice of love and mercy speaking peace to their souls, and leading them to the consideration of those things that belong to their everlasting peace.

O Thou great Head of the Church, enlarge the borders of Thy Kingdom. Make Thy ways known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Be gracious to Thy people Israel. Cause them to look to HIM whom their fathers have pierced, and to mourn with godly sorrow. Hasten the

time when heathen abominations shall cease, and when the fulness of the Gentiles shall be brought in. Especially vouchsafe Thy presence with that part of the Church of Christ which has been planted in this country. Water it with the dew of Thy blessing, that those who bear Thy name may not be unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Enable Thy people to walk in wisdom and prudence toward those that are without; and to be kindly affectionate one to another, bearing each other's burdens, and forgiving one another, as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven them.

But while we are imploring these blessings upon the church at large, O Lord, let none of *us* who are now assembled before Thee deceive ourselves. Enable us sincerely to examine ourselves whether we be in the faith, and whether our faith worketh by love, and overcometh the world. Leave us not under any delusion in these momentous

points; and let the HOLY SPIRIT establish and carry on the work of grace in our souls. May we thus be living members of the church *militant* on earth, and be trained up for the church *triumphant* in heaven.

Hear these our prayers and supplications for Thy mercy's sake, and enable us to begin on earth our eternal song, by ascribing blessing, and honour, and glory, and power unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

O THOU INCOMPREHENSIBLE LORD GOD, in whose sight all things are naked and open, and who knowest the state and character of every individual before Thee; Let not any of us approach Thee with our lips, while our hearts are estranged from Thy grace and love; but enable us, under a deep conviction of our own guilt and helplessness to draw nigh unto Thee in faith and hope, pleading the meritorious name and perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ our Lord, who ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Without this way of access into Thy presence, we could not presume to lift up our eyes unto Thee. We must have been cast off for ever, and bound in chains of eternal darkness. But, gracious GOD, encouraged by the revelation of Thy mercy in CHRIST, we desire now to humble ourselves at Thy feet with contrition and self-abasement, and to take shelter in Him,

acknowledging that there is salvation in no other.

O Thou HOLY SPIRIT, whose office it is to glorify Jesus, by taking the things which are *His*, and revealing them to the hearts of thy people; help us not only to discern His *personal glory* and to confess before men, that HE is our LORD and our GOD; but likewise HIS *mediatorial fulness*, who was made *sin* for us, that we might be made the *righteousness* of GOD in HIM. Help us cordially to resign ourselves to His gracious authority and wise dispensations, making Him the sole object of our faith and hope, of our love and joy; and yielding ourselves to the guidance of His Word and Providence. Let HIM be the first object of our thoughts in the morning, and the last at night, that so by *looking unto Jesus* from day to day, and by walking in his footsteps, we may be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Blessed be Thy name, O God, for the rich treasures of Thy word, and for the exceeding great and precious promises with which it abounds. Enable us to believe them, and to wait with patience for their accomplishment through CHRIST JESUS, in whom they are all *Yea and Amen.* And O GOD the SPIRIT, by whose divine inspiration the Holy Scriptures were written, teach us to know Thy mind therein, and to have a right judgment of every part of Thy blessed word. May we make it the subject of our daily study, and do Thou render it our constant delight; gladden our hearts with a full discovery of Thy grace, and grant that we may daily become more obedient to its sacred precepts, more humble, more heavenly-minded, more self-denying, till in heart and life we are altogether conformed to Thine image.

Look down O Lord in merey upon Thy whole church; May it be established, strengthened, and settled in the faith of the everlasting gospel. Carry on the work of Thy grace among the children of men.

Let such as shall be saved be added daily to Thy church. Send forth the glad tidings of great joy to Heathen and Mahometan lands. Regard in mercy Thy own ancient people Israel. And hasten the time when the wilderness shall be turned into the garden of the Lord, and when all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

And now, O heavenly Father, while we bless Thee for all the mercies of the past day, we beseech Thee to renew Thy mercies to us, and to spread thy protecting wings around us, during the dark and silent hours of the night. And should it please Thee to raise us up in health and safety to see the light of another day, lift up also the light of Thy countenance upon us, that we may walk before the Lord in the light of the living, Hear these our imperfect petitions, which we offer through the prevailing merits of Jesus Christ. For His sake, take away all our iniquity, receive us graciously, love us freely, and sanctify us wholly: and unto Thy name, Father, Son,

and Spirit, the TRIUNE JEHOVAH, be ascribed everlasting praise. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us, and keep us, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who art, and wast, and art to come, Thy name is most holy, and Thy glory reacheth above the heavens. Wherewith shall we come before Thee and bow ourselves in Thy sacred presence. We adore Thee, that through Thy beloved Son Thou hast opened the way to the throne of grace, and hast declared Thyself to be rich in mercy to all that call upon Thee in truth. In HIM all Thine attributes harmonize; by HIM Thy law is magnified and made honourable, and Thy justice is satisfied; and through HIM Thy mercy flows down upon a guilty world!

Great and glorious God, we are individually and unitedly bound to give Thee

our fervent thanks, because Thy hands have made us;—Thy power preserves us, —and Thou givest us all things richly to enjoy. It is of Thy goodness that we have not spent a wearisome night, full of tossings to and fro until the dawning of the day; yea, it is because Thou hast sustained us, that we have not slept the sleep of death. Thou hast lightened our eyes again, and hast caused the out-goings of the morning, as well as of the evening, to rejoice over us. We adore Thee, O God, for Thy goodness, wisdom, and power, displayed in our *creation*. We adore Thee that in *the time of danger* Thou hast been our shield and our defence against the multiplied evils and calamities, in which many others have been involved. But in an especial manner we adore Thee for *Thy unspeakable mercy*, and *everlasting love* displayed in sending Thy BELOVED SON to be a propitiation for our sins, and that Thou hast made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile sinners unto Thyself.

Merciful Father, make us sensible that we are not worthy of the least of Thy mercies, and grateful that Thy loving kindness is ever more and more towards us. Help us to own Thy providence in all our concerns—and to bless the hand that smites us in all the afflictions and trials of this mortal life. May we trace up, all our streams of earthly and spiritual comfort, to the fountain of eternal love in Christ Jesus.

O Thou Holy Spirit, whose office it is to take of the things of Christ, and shew them with power to our souls: discover to us more and more of the all-sufficiency of the Lord Jesus, and of the endearing offices and relations which He sustains towards His people. May we know Him as our life and peace, our wisdom and righteousness, our sanctification and redemption, our refuge and the rock of our strength.

Blessed Lord, put Thy fear into our hearts. Give us understanding to know

Thy will in all things, and grace to perform the same. Enable us to gain the victory over our besetting sins. Wean our affections from the things of time and sense. Put the world, the flesh, and the devil under our feet. And enable us to glorify Thee with our bodies, our souls, and our spirits, which are Thine. Help us to reflect that we are not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of CHRIST, as of a lamb without spot and blemish. May our walk and conduct prove that we are His true disciples, may we walk in His steps, and run with enlarged hearts in the way of his commandments.

We now make our supplications unto Thee, O Lord, in behalf of our dear relations and friends. May they all be dear to Thee. Have mercy on those who are alienated from Thee, through the ignorance that is in them, and who neither see nor feel the guilt and corruption of their nature. Enlighten their dark minds, and make them wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus

Christ. Be gracious also to those who have received a good hope through Thy grace; establish their faith, animate their hope, increase their love, and fix their affections surely there, where true joys are to be found. And while the door of mercy is yet open, cause sinners of every description to flee to HIM who delivereth from the wrath to come. O Lord, let the word of Thy truth have free course and be glorified; let the borders of Thy church be enlarged; and let every tongue, and kindred, and people, unite in praising the God of their salvation.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of Him who hath loved and redeemed us, even the Lord our Righteousness; to whom, with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Comforter, be ascribed the kingdom, and power and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O BLESSED GOD, who lookest down with compassion and tender mercy on sinners who prostrate themselves before the footstool of Thy grace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour; dispose us to direct our prayer unto Thee, and to look up for Thy blessing.

Praised be Thy name for all the dispensations of Thy providence, and the suitable provision which Thou makest day after day for the supply of all our temporal wants. But, above all, praised be Thy name that, though we are guilty and depraved creatures, Thou hast not shut us up in despair, but hast sent to us Thy glorious Gospel, in which Thou hast brought life and immortality to light, and hast encouraged us to enter into Thine immediate presence by the blood of JESUS, by a new and living way which he has consecrated for us, through the rent veil of his crucified body!

We come before Thee pleading His merits and righteousness for our acceptance at the throne of grace, and we pray that the life we now live in the flesh may daily be by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us. May we be assimilated to His divine image; and as He who hath called us is holy, so may we be holy in all manner of conversation. Clothe us with humility; May we sit continually at the feet of the blessed Jesus, that we may be taught by Him the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. Though we have not seen Him with our bodily eyes, yet may we love Him with pure hearts fervently; and though now we see Him not, yet believing, may we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and give to each of us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in Thy sight is of great price. Deliver us from the love of this present evil world, and make us ever to remember the awful declaration, that "if any man love the world, the love

of the Father is not in him." Cast down every high imagination within us that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity all our thoughts to the obedience of Christ. May we be constrained by discoveries of His boundless love, cheerfully to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto Thee, which is our reasonable service. May we indeed prove to those around us, that we are the followers of the Lamb, that we have partaken of His Spirit, and that the genuine fruits of it are shining forth in our tempers, our actions, and our whole conversation.

Help us, O our God, in whatsoever state we are placed therewith to be content. If in poverty, enable us to look to HIM, who for our sakes became poor, that we thro' his poverty, might be rich.—If mourning under a sense of sin, guide us to the Fountain that is opened for all sin and uncleanness.—If our hearts are under the influence of corruption, supply us with that grace which is all-sufficient for us.—If tempted

or assaulted by Satan, enable us to seek for help to HIM, who can make us more than conquerors over all the powers of darkness.—If exposed to the persecutions of an ungodly world, teach us to look to HIM who endured the contradiction of sinners against himself, and who hath said for our comfort—"Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!"—And in every condition of life, keep us *looking unto Jesus* our compassionate High Priest, who is ever touched with a feeling of the infirmities of His people, and will not suffer them to be tempted above what they are able to bear.

Merciful God, we bless Thee for the mercies of the past day. How many comforts and advantages do we enjoy which are denied to others! Not only have we health, and strength, and all things needful for the support of our bodies, but Thou dost exercise the tenderest forbearance towards us in still sparing us, and setting before us the rich blessings of thy grace. Manifest, we pray Thee, Thy redeeming

love to our souls, and comfort us with the joy of Thy salvation. O Lord, what shall we render unto Thee for all Thy benefits to us?—We will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

We commend to Thy merciful protection our bodies and souls this night. Sleeping or waking, living or dying, we would be Thine. Lord, keep us and all who are near and dear to us, from every danger, and surround us by Thy power so that no evil may happen us. Impart all those blessings which we have been asking for ourselves, to our friends and relations, and may they and we receive from time to time all needful direction, strength and consolation, out of the fulness of that grace which is treasured up in Jesus Christ in whose name and words we sum up all our petitions, saying,

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL AND UNCHANGEABLE JEHOVAH, who dwellest in light which no mortal eye can behold, and dost from Thy sanctuary look down on the things that are in heaven and earth;—we adore Thee that Thou hast, in the riches of Thy grace, opened a new and living way whereby sinners may draw nigh to Thee, and find Thee to be a just God and yet a Saviour, able and willing to to save to the uttermost all who come unto Thee through Thine INCARNATE SON.

O GOD, when we contemplate Thine infinite holiness and purity, and our own sinfulness and depravity, we have reason to loathe and abhor ourselves, and to repent in dust and ashes. O Lord our heavenly Father, we mourn over and bewail at Thy footstool, those sins which we from time to time have committed by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine Majesty.

But to Thee belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have sinned and rebelled against Thee. We bless Thee, that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from *all* sins; that He has made reconciliation for iniquity, and has brought in everlasting righteousness; and that Thy word which cannot err, declares, that "whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life;"—that "though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be made as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool!"

O LAMB of God, who takest away the sin of the world, cleanse us from our sins by Thy most precious blood, and clothe us in the spotless robe of Thy righteousness, that being justified and accepted by Thy merits, we may have joy and peace in believing.

O Holy and Eternal SPIRIT, enable us by our life and conversation, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we prove to those around us

that we are the children of light; that we are sitting for instruction at the feet of the LORD JESUS, that we have received His precepts, are influenced by His grace, are following His example, and are pressing forward to his kingdom. Preserve us from imbibing the spirit and temper of those who fear not Thee; but do Thou increase within us the faith, the fear, and the love of Thy holy name, Suffer us not to place our security in an arm of flesh, but teach us ever to look for it where alone it is to be found, in the Lord JESUS CHRIST. Grant that being united to Him by a living faith, we may obtain victory over the corruptions of our hearts, the temptations of Satan, and the sinful cares and allurements of the world. Let the language of our hearts ever be—"Behold God is our salvation; we will trust and not be afraid, for the LORD JEHOVAH is our strength and our song, He also is become our salvation!"

Into Thy hands we commend ourselves, and all that belong to us this day. We

are short sighted creatures, and therefore know not what it may bring forth. Keep us under the shadow of Thine almighty wings. Guide and direct us continually by Thy counsel, until Thou hast brought us to Thy glory.

O Lord, we now lift up our voices with thanksgivings to Thee, for the multiplied favours, both of providence and grace, which thou hast heaped on our undeserving heads. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the other blessings of this life, which Thou hast given us richly to enjoy; but above all, we praise Thee for the gift of Thy son,—for the word of Thy gospel,—for the promise of Thy SPIRIT,—for the means of grace,—and for the hope of glory. O Lord, help us to shew forth our gratitude, not merely with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by bringing forth the fruits of righteousness and holiness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise of the glory of Thy grace.

Hear us, Heavenly Father, and whilst Thou hearest, have mercy upon us. Pardon the iniquity of our holy offerings, and in all things enable us with the Psalmist to say,—"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name, give glory, for Thy loving mercy and Thy truth's sake."

Now to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, the glorious unchangeable, and eternal JEHOVAH, be ascribed by us on earth, as by angels and glorified saints in heaven, everlasting praise! Amen,

Our Father which art in heaven &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O BLESSED LORD, Thou art slow to anger, abundant in goodness and truth and Thy mercy endureth for ever; Assist us by Thy Holy Spirit, to draw nigh to

Thy mercy-seat with humility and reverence; that we may lay before Thee our wants, and praise Thy glorious name for Thy unceasing favors to us, both of a temporal and spiritual nature.

Great God, the remembrance of our manifold transgressions againt Thee, makes us dread to approach Thy Divine Majesty. THOU art the eternal JEHOVAH, who art of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity; whereas we are sinful dust and ashes. If thou shouldst enter into judgment with us, we could not answer Thee for one action out of a thousand, but should be forced to lay our hands upon our mouths, and cry out: "Woe unto us, for we are undone; because we are men of unclean lips, and we dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

But Thou art GOD and not man,—Thou changest not, therefore are we not consumed. Thy ways are higher than our ways, and Thy thoughts than our thoughts, even as the heavens are higher than the

earth. Yea, great as our sins and provocations have been,—greater, far greater is Thy mercy in Christ Jesus! Thou art a reconciled Father and Friend to the very chief of sinners that cometh unto Thee through faith in His name, who has satisfied the righteous demands of Thy justice,—and has died to redeem us to God by His blood.

Merciful Lord, remove all our prejudices aginst the truth as it is in Jesus; enlighten our understandings, and influence our hearts that we may behold and admire the freeness and the perfection of this great salvation.—Clothe us in the garments of the Redeemer's righteousness, and enable us, in the endearing language of Thine adopted children, to call Thee—our Father, and our God. And O that a constraining view of His boundless love, and of the invaluable price that has purchased our salvation, may cause us to surrender our hearts, our minds, our bodies, our all, to the service of the Lord. May it be seen that we are *Christians*, not only in name

but in reality; that we have not only the form of Godliness, but its power also; and that we have not only received the doctrines, but are actuated by the precepts of the blessed Jesus. Enable us to carry religion into all the domestic, the social, and the public relations of life, that wherever our sphere of duty extends, we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour by such a life and conversation as become us.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we supplicate Thy mercy in behalf of all mankind. Be graciously pleased to bless and preserve the President of the United States; grant him, and all who are put in authority grace to rule with wisdom and justice, and to set an example of godliness and virtue to Thy people, Look down in mercy upon the whole state of Thy holy church militant on earth. May the standard of the cross be erected in all lands, and may all nations and tongues flow unto it. May sinners every where lay down the arms of their rebellion and become

good soldiers of Christ Jesus and may all who name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Heal the divisions of Thy people; kindle within them a lively zeal for Thy glory, and grant that they may unite with one heart, as well as in one faith, to promote the religion of our blessed Redeemer.

Almighty God, into Thy protecting arms we commit ourselves, and all that we have this night. Thou hast created the darkness for rest, as well as the light for labour. Grant us quiet and refreshing repose, and let no harm come nigh our dwelling. O may our sleep remind us of the last sleep of death, and our beds of the awful bed of the grave, to which we are hastening. May we be always ready, since we know not the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man cometh. O Lord impress our minds with a full conviction of the certainty of this awful event. May we be taught by the Holy Spirit to know the things that belong to our everlasting peace, that when the hour of death arrives, we

may, with a firm confidence in Thy faithfulness to Thy promises, fall "*asleep in* JESUS," looking forward to the morning of the resurrection, when we shall awake in His likeness, and enter into the joy of our Lord. Hear us, Gracious Father, and send down an answer of peace to these our supplications, for the sake of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, whom with Thee and the eternal Spirit, we adore as the God of our salvation, both now and for evermore. Amen.

Our father which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us, and keep us, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

MOST BLESSED LORD, Thou hast promised that whenever two or three are gathered together in *Thy Name*, Thou wilt be in the midst of them. We plead this promise, and beseech Thee to deal with us

according to Thy mercy, and to prepare our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, to worship at Thy footstool.

We presume not to come before Thee O Lord, trusting in our own strength or righteousness. We are full of weakness and sin; our wisdom is earthly and sensual,—our hearts are prone to evil,—and our very best actions are stained with imperfection. But, merciful God, guilty, weak, and helpless as we are, it is our comfort, yea, our unspeakable joy, that with Thee there is plenteous redemption; and that Thine arms are widely extended to receive every returning penitent who seeks for mercy in Thine appointed way. O may a view of the Cross fill our souls with the sweetest comfort, and may we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord. May we, beholding by faith the sufferings of the bleeding Lamb of God, mourn over and abhor those sins which pierced Him; and reflecting upon His amazing love in dying for the guilty, may

we love Him in sincerity, and be enabled with truth to say as Thy penitent apostle did "Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that we love Thee!" May we be conformed to the image of our Redeemer in all things,—in His purity and self-denial —His meekness and humility—His love to man—and His submission to the Divine will. O Lord, Thou alone canst give us ability for these things—Thou knowest whereof we are made, Thou rememberest that we are but dust. Let Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness; and upheld by Thy Spirit, may we be to Thee for a name and a praise among the people of the earth.

O Father of Mercies, we have abundant cause to glorify Thee for the many temporal as well as spiritual blessings which we enjoy. In Thee we live and move, and have our being. Thou hast brought us through unseen dangers, and preserved us to this day under the shadow of Thy almighty wings. And while some of our fellow-creatures are languishing on the bed

of sickness, afflicted with pain and want, we enjoy health, and peace, and plenty:—While others are breathing their last, perhaps in the depths of despair, or in fatal ignorance of Thy blessed Gospel, we are the monuments of Thy forbearing mercy, and Thou dost continue to bless us with spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. O Lord, what shall we render unto Thee for all Thy benefits?—Enable us to show forth our gratitude to Thee, not merely with our lips, but also in our lives, by bringing forth the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of Thy grace.

O Lord, prepare us by every dispensation of Thy providence and grace for that awful day when we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. O help us to realize the scene, when the heavens shall be dissolved, and the elements melt away with fervent heat, and when the secrets of all hearts shall be opened;—and seeing that these things must come to pass, let us consider what manner of

persons we ought to be in all holy conversation and godliness? May we give all diligence to make our calling and election sure, and may our conversation be in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ; who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working, whereby He is able to subdue all things to Himself.

Hear us, O God of our salvation, and do for us above all that we can ask or think, for Christ's sake, who in compassion to our manifold infirmities, hath taught us when we pray, to say,

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O THOU God of all grace and mercy, who hast so loved this sinful world that Thou hast given Thine *only begotten Son*, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life; enable us through Him, to draw nigh unto Thy mercy-seat with humble hope and filial confidence, confessing to Thee our guilt, spreading before Thee our wants, and praising Thy name for all Thy loving kindness towards us.

O Almighty God, who resistest the proud, but givest grace to the humble, humble us in our own sight. Strip us of every thought that would exalt itself against Thy rich and sovereign grace. Discover to us our own utter insufficiency, and our innumerable instances of rebellion against Thee. O never let us try to dissemble or palliate our guilt; but bow down our hearts before Thee in the deepest self-abasement, that

we may with true humility, and not with feigned lips, confess "Against Thee, Thee *only* have we sinned, and done evil in Thy sight; have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving kindness, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions."

Most gracious God, we adore Thee, that though we are cut off from all hope of acceptance with Thee on account of any thing we have done or ever can do; yet, that Thou wast in Christ reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing unto mankind their tresspasses. Therfore, on the CRUCIFIED JESUS—that tried corner stone—that sure foundation laid in Zion, we build all our hopes of acceptance with Thee; for *He* is our merciful High Priest who has presented the perfect sacrifice of *Himself* upon the altar of the *Cross*,—*He* is our all-sufficient Advocate, who perpetually appears before Thy throne on high, to make intercession for us---*He* is the propitiation for our sins and *his blood* speaketh mercy, pardon, and

peace to the believing soul. O Lord, let a sense of Thy unspeakable love be shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost being given unto us; let it call forth our gratitude and praise to Thee, and constrain us to employ our time and talents in promoting the fear of Thy name, and the knowledge of Thy truth.

Enable us to exercise unfeigned love to the brethren, and forbearance and patience under injuries towards all. O set before us continually the example of the meek and lowly JESUS, who was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners. May we walk as He walked, and may every god-like temper, which shone in Him in all the fulness of perfection, be manifested in our conduct. And thus may we go on from strength to strength, till, with all the ransomed of the Lord, we at length appear before our God in the heavenly Sion.

And now, gracious Father, we recommend to Thy mercy all who are united to

us by the ties of kindred or friendship. Be favourable to them, and not only protect and surround them with the mercies of Thy providence, but enrich them with the far greater mercies of Thy covenant love in Christ Jesus. Look on the face of Thine Anointed, and for His sake visit them with Thy Salvation, and O Lord in tender compassion stretch out Thine arm to save those whom Thou knowest to be under the power of their and Thine enemies. Shew them the dreadful precipice on which they stand, lead them by a way they know not, and enable them to fly for refuge to the Saviour of sinners. We pray Thee to diffuse the light of Thy glorious gospel among the children of men throughout the whole world. O Lord hasten the time when all from the least to the greatest shall know Thee in truth; and when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. and when Thou, O Jehovah, shalt reign in the hearts of men for ever and ever.

Take us under Thy protection this night, The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day. Refresh our wearied bodies with sweet sleep, and if Thou permittest us to see the light of another day, may we live throughout it to the glory of Thy name, and derive from Thee, who art the inexhaustible fountain of grace and truth, such manifestations of the glory of the great salvation which has been wrought out by Thy INCARNATE SON, as may encourage us to run with patience the race which is set before us; in His name and prevailing merits, we further address Thee as

Our Father, which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us, and keep us, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O EVER BLESSED GOD, we draw nigh to Thy mercy-seat this morning in prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving. But forasmuch as we are not sufficient of ourselves, to think any thing good of ourselves, and as all our sufficiency is of Thee; we beseech Thee to look upon us in Thy BELOVED SON, and to enable us with humble confidence in His merits to approach Thy throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy for the *past*, and grace to help in *this* and every *future* time of need.

Heavenly Father, it becomes us to draw nigh to Thee with deep humility and contrition of heart, for, alas! how often have we broken Thy precepts in thought, word, and deed;—how often have we abused our privileges and wearied Thy patience;—yea, how often have we requited Thy richest favours with the

basest ingratitude! Surely the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint,—we have all come short of Thy glory, and if Thou shouldest mark iniquities, who could stand? But Thy mercy is very great. Through Jesus the Son of Thy love, Thou hast sent redemption unto Thy people; Thou hast commanded Thy covenant for ever: holy and reverend is Thy name!

O gracious God, our hope is in Thee, and in that love which has redeemed us with so rich a price, even the price of IMMANUEL's blood. In him Thou art a *reconciled Father* to the very chief of sinners that believeth on his name;—In Him Thy promises are all *Yea and Amen*, Thy perfections are manifested and glorified, and through Him Thy boundless mercy is revealed to sinful man! O Lord, enable us continually to look to Him as our only refuge, hope, and consolation.

We beseech Thee, O Lord our God, for His sake, not only to remember our sins and our iniquities no more; but also to

write Thy laws on our hearts, and to enable us to walk worthy of the high vocation wherewith we are called. Conscious of our own weakness, we come to Thee for grace and strength that we may prevail over our many corruptions, and the various trials and temptations to which we are exposed.—If Thou art for us, who can be against us?—Thou canst arm us with the sword of the *Spirit*, and the shield of *faith*, and with these make us to prove more than conquerors through Him that hath loved us. O strengthen us with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man. Mortify all our evil propensities. Weaken our attachment to the perishing enjoyments of this world. Set our affections on things above. Endue us with humility; and in every state wherein we may be placed, teach us therewith to be content.

O Thou God of Grace; we pray Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing to us in the use of all the means of grace which Thou hast afforded us. When we hear Thy gospel preached, or read Thy holy word, may we

never be actuated by a self-sufficient and proud spirit, but may we receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save our souls. May it prove a light unto our feet, and a lamp unto our path. Enable us to bring every thing to the law and to the testimony, that thereby we may obtain a deeper view of our own alienation from Thee, and of the riches of Thy grace and glory, which are set before us in the gospel of God our Saviour.

Take under Thy protection and guidance those for whom we are in duty bound to pray. If any among them are weak in faith and wavering, settle and strengthen them;—if any are afflicted and poor, comfort and enrich them with the unsearchable riches of Christ;—If any are at a distance from Thee, or halting between two opinions, bring them nigh through the blood of the Cross, and enable them to choose that good part which shall never be taken away from them. And, O Lord, add daily to Thy church such as shall be saved. Send Thy gospel to the dark

places of the earth. Clothe it with Thy power, and hasten the time when Jews and Gentiles shall be gathered into one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ, the Lord.

And now, blessed God, we would not rise from our knees without offering to Thee our tribute of gratitude for all Thy mercies and loving kindnesses to us; for Thou art the author and giver of every good thing. If our houses have been filled with plenty, and our lives preserved in time of danger, it is all Thy doing, for by Thine arm were we upheld.—If we know the truth, as it is in Jesus, and have found acceptance in the Beloved, it is Thy grace, O Lord, that made us willing in the day of Thy power.—If we have been enabled to renounce the world, the flesh and the devil, and if our wandering feet have been kept from the paths of sin, it is the same almighty grace which has obtained for us the victory. Bless the Lord, O! our souls and all that is within us bless His holy Name; Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits.

Vouchsafe to us we pray Thee a continuance of Thy mercies. Carry on the good work which we trust Thou hast begun in our hearts, until the day of the Lord Jesus.—Then may we appear arrayed in white robes, even in the garments of our Redeemer's righteousness, and then may we find an abundant entrance into Thy kingdom of glory. Now unto HIM that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto HIM, be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, world without end. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art exalted far above all the blessing and praise which is offered to Thee by the angels above;—how great is Thy mercy in opening a way for lost sinners to approach Thee, and to spread their wants before Thy footstool.

Great God, we might justly have been left under Thy wrath for our ingratitude and rebellion,—having no way to escape had not Thine own arm brought salvation! Thou hast sent Thine INCARNATE SON to seek and to save the guilty, and Thou hast revealed Thyself in *Him* as a just God, and yet the justifier of the believer in JESUS;—a just God, and yet the Saviour of sinners. O Lord, save *us*, we beseech Thee;—We fall as vile sinners at the footstool of Thy sovereign mercy, loathing ourselves in our own sight, on account of our iniquities. We renounce all dependence on any merits of our own. We plead Thy promises, and offer before Thee no

other sacrifice or righteousness, but the all-sufficient sacrifice and spotless righteousness of Thy BELOVED SON, in whom Thou art ever well pleased.

O Thou HOLY SPIRIT, whose province it is to convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, discover to us the pride of our nature, and the alienation of our hearts from God. Take of the things of Christ and exhibit them before us in all their fulness and sufficiency. Cause us to renounce our own wisdom and righteousness, and to be willing to receive pardon, and the hope of eternal life, as the gift of *free unmerited mercy*, through JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Subdue our corrupt desires, and set our affections on heavenly things.

While passing through this wilderness, we would look up to Thee, day after day, as our heavenly Shepherd. We have often erred and strayed from Thy fold, yet now

again we return unto Thee hungry and thirsty, weak and defenceless, diseased and perishing. O may we hear Thy voice and follow Thee, may we feed on Thy precious promises,—may we drink of the waters of life,—may we be supported by Thy grace and enjoy Thy favour. And if Thou seest it necessary to visit us with diseases, disappointments, or crosses of any kind, give us resignation and submission to Thy will. Make us to know that if we are Thy sheep we shall never perish, neither shall any pluck us out of Thy hands. If Thou art for us, who can be against us? Yea, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will fear no evil, for Thy rod and Thy staff shall comfort us. Our hope is in Thee alone, and therefore we trust that Thy goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and that we shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

With humble and heartfelt thanks for the mercies of the day that is past, we

implore Thy gracious protection during the dark and silent watches of the night. O Thou keeper of Israel who never slumberest nor sleepest, be Thou about our path and about our bed. Defend us from all dangers, refresh our wearied bodies with sleep, and if it should please Thy almighty Providence to raise us up to behold the light of the returning sun, let us arise with thankful hearts, remembering that the day is the *Sabbath* of the Lord. O may our minds be solemnized, and may we rejoice and be glad in the day which the Lord has made. Be with all Thy ministering servants on the morrow, and especially with *(him)* who ministers unto us. May they go forth in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace, preaching peace through the blood of the Cross; and may the word of Thy grace be as the rain that watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud; may it accomplish Thy good pleasure, and prosper in the thing whereto Thou shalt send it. All

these things we ask for the sake and through the intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom in the unity of the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory now and for evermore. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

A Morning and an Evening Prayer for a Family, taken from different parts of the Liturgy of the Episcopal Church.

MORNING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowlege and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against Thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings * Turn Thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment and in thy wrath

*Confession, Communion Service.

thinkest upon mercy.‖ Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past.†

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us we most humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.‡ Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.§ For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.¶

Almighty and everlasting God who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind

‖Service for Ash Wednesday.
†Confession, Communion Service.
‡Visitation of the Sick.
§The Litany.
¶Thanksgiving, Communion Service.

of danger but that all our doings may be ordered by their governance, to do always what is righteous in Thy sight.‖ Increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.† Grant that all carnal affections may die in *us*, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in *us*. Grant that *we* may have power and strength to have victory and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh.‡ O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee; mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ.¶ Pour into our hearts such love toward Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire;†—and in all our works,

‖ The third Collect for Grace, Morning Prayer.

† Collect for the 4th Sunday after Trinity.

‡ Baptismal Service.

¶ Collect for the 19th Sunday after Trinity.

† Collect for 6th Sunday after Trinity.

begun, continued, and ended in Thee, may we glorify Thy Holy Name.*

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy church with Thy perpetual mercy;§ may it be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted in mind, body, or estate, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions, and this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake,¶ *in whose Name and words we sum up all our petitions.*

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

* Collect at the end of the Communion Service.

§ Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity.

¶ Prayer for all sorts and condition of men.

EVENING PRAYER.

O GOD the Father, of heaven; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son; have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons, and one God; have mercy upon us, miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins, spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.† O Lord deal not with us after our sins; Neither reward us after our iniquities.† O God make clean our hearts within us; And take not Thy Holy Spirit

† The Litany.

from us.§ Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the Spirit to think and to do always such things as be rightful, that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without Thee, may, by Thee, be enabled to live according to Thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord;‖ Grant unto *us* that *we* may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; so that, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found.¶

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and may it please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy church in the right way. May it please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshiping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, Thy servant the President of the United States, and all others in authority. May it please Thee to rule their hearts in Thy faith, fear and love, and may they evermore have af-

§ Sentences in the Evening Prayer.
‖ Collect for 9th Sunday after Trinity
¶ Collect for 4th Sunday after Easter.

fiance in Thee, and ever seek Thy honour and glory.

May it please Thee to illuminate all thy ministering and missionary servants, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy word, and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and show it accordingly.

May it please Thee to bless and keep all Thy people.

May it please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived.

May it please Thee to succour, help and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation.

May it please Thee to have mercy upon all men.†

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications which we offer before Thee for

†The Litany.

all estates of men in Thy holy church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and godly serve Thee.† And have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereties, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart and contempt of Thy word, and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord.§

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly

†Second Collect for Good Friday.
§Third Collect for ditto.

thankful, and that we may shew forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.† Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for ever more.§ Amen.

†The general Thanksgiving.

§The blessing at the end of the service for Ash Wednesday.

¶‡¶ Forms of prayer for *Families*, on a plan similar to the two preceding, may be easily multiplied; and if *Liturgical forms* of prayers should be preferred by any families, the LITURGY of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH, unequalled by the purity of its sentiments, the fervour of its devotion, and the simplicity of its language," will furnish them in her daily Morning and Evening Services, or, in the Litany, or select parts taken from both, with the Collect for the Day.

A Morning and an Evening Prayer for a Family, consisting chiefly of expressions taken from the Holy Scriptures.

The former of the Two following forms of Prayer consists chiefly of *Confessions of sin*, and *Supplications for mercy and grace*; the latter of *Thanksgivings for blessings enjoyed*, and *Intercession for others*.

MORNING PRAYER.

O THOU whose name alone
is JEHOVAH, and who art the
Ps. lxxxiii. 18. Most High over all the earth, thou
art righteous in all Thy ways,
Ps. cxlv. 17. and holy in all Thy works; yet
forasmuch as we have a great high
priest, that is passed into the
heavens, JESUS the Son of God,
we would come with boldness unto
the throne of grace, that we may
obtain mercy, and find grace to
Heb. iv. 14. 16. help in time of need. Lord, we
know not what we should pray
for as we ought; oh! let the Holy
Spirit help our infirmities, and

make intercession for us with
Rom. viii. 26. groanings which cannot be uttered

It is of Thy mercies, O God, that we are not consumed, because Thy compassions fail not; They are new every morning; great is
Lam. iii. 22, 23. Thy faithfulness. But to us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned
Dan. ix. 8. against Thee. We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but Thy word assures us that if we confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all
1 John i. 8, 9. unrighteousness.

We now, O Lord, acknowledge our transgressions, and would set
Ps. li. 3. our sins before us. We acknowledge that we have within us a carnal mind, which is enmity against
Rom. viii. 7. Thee,—that our souls cleave unto
Ps. cxix. 25. the dust,—and that out of the

evil treasure of our hearts we have brought forth many evil
Matt. xii. 35. things. We acknowledge that we
Jonah ii. 8. have followed after lying vanities, and that whilst we have made provision for the flesh to fulfil the
Rom. xiii. 14. lusts thereof, loving this present
2 Tim. iv. 10. evil world, we have forsaken the fountain of living waters, for cisterns, broken cisterns that can
Jer. ii. 13. hold no water. We acknowledge that we have been verily guilty
Gen. xlii. 21. concerning our brother, for the bowels of our compassion have often been shut up from those
1 John iii. 17. that were in need, and instead of following after the things which make for peace, and things
Rom. xiv. 19. wherewith one may edify another, we have sat in judgment upon others, not considering ourselves
Gal. vi. 1 lest we also be tempted. We acknowledge, also, our pride and our evil heart of unbelief the source of all our sins, which incline us to depart from the living

Heb. iii. 12. God; we have not walked humbly
Mic. vi. 8. with Thee, our God—but have
Prov. iii. 5. leaned to our own understanding
and have gone about to establish
our own righteousness, and have
not submitted ourselves unto the
Rom. x. 3. righteousness of God.

And now, O our God, what
shall we say after this? For we
Ezra. ix. 10. have forsaken Thy commandments
Against Thee, Thee only, have
we sinned and done this evil in
Ps. li. 4. Thy sight; but, O Lord, cast us
not away from Thy presence, take
Ps. li. 11 not Thy Holy Spirit from us.
Ezek. xxxvi. 26. Give us a new heart, a broken
and a contrite heart, which Thou
Ps. li. 17. wilt not despise. Enable us to
cry in the spirit of the publican,
Luke xviii. 13. God be merciful to us sinners,
and O Lord, justify us freely by
Thy grace, through the redemp-
Rom. iii. 24. tion that is in Christ Jesus.
In HIM we believe, O help Thou
Mark ix. 24. our unbelief. With *Thomas* may

we adore HIM as our LORD
John xx. 28. and our GOD—with *Paul* may we "count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, and be
Phil. iii. 8, 9. found in Him,"—with *Peter* may we with sincerity say, "To whom shall we go? Thou Lord, hast
John vi. 68. the words of eternal life,"—with the beloved disciple may we ascribe "Unto HIM that loved us and washed us from our sins in HIS own blood, to HIM be glory and dominion for ever and
Rev. i. 5. ever. Amen."

Remember us, O Lord, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people; O visit us with Thy
Ps. cvi. 4. salvation. We ask not riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of
2 Chron. i. 11. our enemies, feed us with food
Prov. xxx. 8. convenient for us. We would seek after the kingdom of God and
Matt. vi. 33. His righteousness, and all those things which accompany salva-

tion. In every time of trouble
we would make the Lord our
Ps. xci. 2. refuge, and cast all our care upon
1 Pet. v. 7. Thee, who carest for us. O Lord,
bless us, we beseech Thee, with
all spiritual blessings in heavenly
Eph. i. 3. things in Christ Jesus. Open
our understandings that we may
Luke xxiv. 45. understand the scriptures. Let
the word of Christ dwell in us
Col. iii. 16. richly in all wisdom. May we
not be carried about with divers
and strange doctrines, but may
our hearts be established with
Heb. xiii. 9. Thy grace. May the Spirit of
John xvi. 13. truth guide us into all truth, and
cause us to hold fast the form of
sound words which we have
heard, in faith and love which
2 Tim. i. 13. is in Christ Jesus. May the Holy
Rom. v. 5. Ghost shed abroad in our hearts
the love of God our Redeemer,
and fill us with all joy and peace
Rom. xv. 13. in believing. And may he enable
us to walk worthy of the vocation
wherewith we are called, with all

lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit
Eph. iv. 1, 2, 3. in the bond of peace. Let Thy word, O Lord, be hid in our hearts that we may not sin
Ps. cxix. 11. against Thee, and make us zealously affected in every good
Gal. iv. 18. cause. May we be steadfast and unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our la-
1 Cor. xv. 58 bour is not in vain in the Lord. And may we grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord
2 Pet iii. 18 and Saviour Jesus Christ, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in
Rom xii. 11, 12 prayer, looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour
Tit ii. 13 Jesus Christ, when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that

2 Thes i. 10 believe. We ask all these mercies in that name which is above
Phil ii. 9 every name, even the name of Jesus, who hath taught us when
Matt vi. 9—13 we pray, to say, *Our Father, &c.*

EVENING PRAYER.

O LORD, Thou art worthy to receive glory, and honour, and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they
Rev iv. 11 are, and were created. Every day will we bless Thee; and praise Thy name for ever and
Ps cxlv. 2 ever. For it is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most high; to show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness
Ps xcii. 2 every night.

We praise Thee for our many *temporal blessings.* In Thee we live and move and have our

Acts xvii. 28 being. We lay ourselves down
and sleep, for Thou Lord dost
Ps iii. 5 sustain us. Thou dost preserve
us in our going out and at our
Ps cxxi. 6. coming in, and sufferest no evil
to befal us, nor any plague to
Ps xci. 10 come nigh our dwelling. Thou
feedest us with food convenient
Prov. xxx. 30 for us, and givest us richly all
1 Tim. vi, 17 things to enjoy.

But we praise Thee more
especially for all our *spiritual*
blessings. We bless Thee O
Lord, for that faithful saying,
which is worthy of all acceptation
that CHRIST JESUS came
1 Tim i. 15 into the world to save sinners.
We give thanks to Thee that
Thou hast laid on Him the ini-
Isaiah liii. 6 quity of us all,—that in Him we
have redemption through His
blood, the forgivenes of sins,
according to the riches of His
Eph i. 7. grace,—that He ever liveth to
Heb vii. 25 make intercession for us,—that

2 Cor. xii. 9 His grace is sufficient for us,—
and that He hath left us an
example, that we should follow
1 Pet. ii. 21. His steps. We praise Thee for the
promise of the HOLY SPIRIT,
whose office it is to convince us
John xvi. 9.
John xv. 26. of sin, to testify of the Saviour,
to shed abroad His love in our
hearts, and to fill us with all
Rom. xv. 13. joy and peace in believing. We
praise Thee also for the Holy
Scriptures, and for permitting us
to hear in our own tongue Thy
Acts ii. 11. wonderful works, for giving unto
Neh. ix. 14. us Thy holy sabbaths, for sending
Acts xiii. 26. to us the word of salvation, and
for enabling us to enjoy the ordi-
nances of Thy holy sanctuary,
Micah iv. 4 none making us afraid.

Ps. lxviii. 20. And O Thou God of salvation,
if we have been translated out
Col. i. 13. of darkness into the kingdom of
Thy dear Son,—if the gospel has
come to us not only in word, but

in power and in the Holy Ghost,
1 Thess. i. 5. and in much assurance,—if we
have been made joyful in Thy
Isaiah lvi. 7. house of prayer,—if Christ has
been formed in our hearts the
Col. i. 27. hope of glory, if sin reigns not
in our mortal body that we should
obey it in the lusts thereof, but
we are yielding ourselves unto
God, as those that are alive
Rom. vi. 12. 13. from the dead,—if Jesus is pre-
1 Pet. ii. 7. cious unto us, and His love doth
2 Cor. v. 14. constrain us to adorn the doctrine
Titus ii. 10. of God our Saviour in all things:—
then will we glorify and praise
Thee, saying, not unto us, O
LORD, not unto us, but unto
Thy name give glory, for Thy
Ps. cxv. 1. mercy and for Thy truth's sake!
What shall we render unto the
Lord for all his benefits towards
us? We will take the cup of sal-
vation, and call upon the name
Ps. cxvi. 12. 13. of the Lord!

O God, the God of the spirits

Num. xvi. 22. of all flesh, we would now make our prayers unto Thee for all men, for the President of the United States, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all
1 Tim ii 1, 2 godliness and honesty. Let mer-
Prov xx. 28 cy and truth preserve our land, and let our government be estab-
Prov xxv. 5 lished in righteousness. Let violence no more be heard in our land, wasting nor destruction within our borders, but let our walls be called salvation, and our gates
Isaiah lx. 18 praise.

Bless Thy servants to whom Thou hast committed the ministry
2 Cor v. 18 of reconciliation. Make them
Acts xviii. 24 mighty in the scriptures. Let utterance be given to them, that they may open their mouths boldly, to make known the mystery of the
Eph vi. 19 gospel, and to preach the unsearch-
Eph iii. 8 able riches of Christ. Let them be an example to the believers, in word, in conversation, in

charity, in spirit, in faith, in
1 Tim iv. 12 purity. May they be instant in
Tim iv. 2 season and out of season. in
meekness instructing those that
oppose themselves; if God per-
adventure will give them repen-
tance to the acknowledging of the
2 Tim ii. 25 truth. O thou Lord of the
harvest, we pray Thee, that Thou
wilt send forth labourers into
Matt 38 ix. Thine harvest, and as it is Thou
1 Cor iii. 7 alone that givest the increase,
we bessech Thee that Thy hand
may be with Thy servants that
great numbers may believe, and
Acts xi. 21 turn unto Thee. May grace be
with all them that love our Lord
Eph vi. 24 Jesus Christ in sincerity. Bless
them with all spiritual blessings
Eph i. 3 in heavenly things in Christ; and
being washed, and justified, and
sanctified in the name of the
Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit
1 Cor vi. 11 of our God, may Thy peace rule
Col iii. 15 in their hearts, and may they
increase and abound in love one

toward another, and toward all
1 Thess iii. 12 men.

And, O Thou Saviour of the world, who art sent to be a light, to lighten the Gentiles, and the
Luke ii. 32 glory of Thy people Israel; have respect unto the covenant, for the dark places of the Earth are
Ps lxxiv. 20 full of the habitations of cruelty. O let Thy salvation and Thy righteousness be openly shewed in the sight of the *heathen*, and let all the ends ef the earth see
Ps xcviii. 2,3 the salvation of our God. From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, let Thy name be great among the
Mal i. 11. Gentiles. And, O Lord, we pray to Thee for the peace of
Ps cxxii. 6. Jerusalem. Our heart's desire, for Israel, is, that they may
Rom x. 1 be saved. Let the veil that is upon their hearts be taken away,
2 Cor iii. 15,16 that they may turn unto the Lord and according to Thy promise, pour upon them the spirit of grace

and of supplication, that they
may look upon HIM whom they
Zech xii. 10 have pierced, and mourn. And
O hasten the time, when Zion
shall arise and shine, because
her light is come, and the glory
Is. lx. 1. of the LORD is risen upon her.

And now, Lord, what wait we
Ps. lxxxix. 7. for? our hope is in Thee. Thou
art our refuge and our fortress;
Ps. xci. 2. our God, in Thee will we trust.
Help us to cast all our care upon
1 Peter v. 7. Thee, who carest for us. Let
Thy goodness and mercy follow
Ps. xxiii. 6. us all the days of our life, and
being guided by Thy counsel,
may we afterward be received up
Ps. lxxiii. 24. into glory.

Now unto Him, that is able to
do exceeding abundantly above
all that we can ask or think, ac-
cording to the power that worketh
in us, unto Him be glory in the
church, by Christ Jesus, through-
Eph. iii. 20, 21. out all ages, world without end.
Cor. xiii. 14. Amen. *The grace of our Lord, &c.*

PART II.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS,

For Social Meetings, and for families n *affliction;* with suitable Collects to be added to Morning and Evening Prayers, on the principal *Holy Seasons* which the *Protestant Episcopal Church* commemorates in her yearly service.

"Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law." Ps. cxix. 18.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." Coloss. iii. 16.

"Foolish and unlearned questions avoid: knowing that they do gender strife." 2 Tim. ii. 23.

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus, that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. xv. 5, 6.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love." Ps. cxxii. 6.

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred and tongue and people." Rev. xiv. 6.

Jesus said, "When two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. xviii. 20.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS, &c.

The *Three* following forms of prayer are designed for the use of RELIGIOUS MEETINGS, at which two or more Families are assembled for the purpose of reading the HOLY SCRIPTURES, and conversing on the important truths which they contain. To such, the writer humbly offers them as *helps* to devotion, when there is no one present that has beem accustomed to pray in an *extemporaneous* manner.

I.

A Prayer introductory to the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

FATHER OF MERCIES, AND GOD OF ALL CONSOLATION, shed abroad in our hearts the influence of thy Holy Spirit, that we may draw nigh unto Thy throne of grace, and make known our requests to Thee by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving. We adore Thee, that through our merciful and faithful High Priest who ever liveth to make intercession for us, we have full liberty of access to Thy sacred

presence; and we now beseech Thee mercifully to fulfil Thy gracious promise that "where two or three are gathered together in the name of Thy beloved Son, there wilt Thou be in the midst of them." O Lord, meet and bless us while we are engaged in this solemn exercise; Give us humble, and contrite hearts; and grant us grace, that as a part of that mystical body of which Christ Jesus is the glorious Head, being influenced by one Spirit, and possessing one mind, one faith and one hope, we may look up to Thee as our *reconciled* Father and Friend, through the merits of Thy beloved Son.

Gracious God, whilst we are now assembled together in His Name, impress us with a deep sense of the importance and reality of those things which are not seen and are eternal. Enable us also with joyful hearts to praise Thee for the great things which Thou hast done for our souls. And especially, while we read and meditate on the sacred truths of Thy blessed word, may we, by Thy

Holy Spirit, have a right judgment given us, so that we may understand them.—Enable us to mix faith with what we read and hear, that we may profit and grow thereby. Unless Thou, O Lord, art pleased to impart instruction, the book is sealed and we read in vain. Grant then to each of us the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Thyself,—enlighten the eyes of our understanding,—humble us at the feet of our Divine Redeemer, and let His word drop as the rain which cometh down from heaven, refreshing our souls, and making us wise unto salvation through faith in His name. May we have teachable dispositions to hear and receive the truths of the Holy Scriptures; may *its doctrines* be the constant rule of our *faith*,—*its precepts* the constant rule of our *practice*,—and may all *its promises* be sweetly fulfilled in our *experience:* and, especially, enable us to comprehend and to receive into our hearts *that great mystery of godliness*, that GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH, and that in CHRIST CRU-

CIFIED there is plenteous redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of all our sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Blessed Lord, grant that all our sentiments, and that our tempers and our whole lives may be conformed to Thy blessed will. And in the delightful anticipation of victory over all our spiritual enemies, and of that eternal inheritance which Thou hast prepared for Thy ransomed people, may we, in the fulness of our hearts, say, "Lo! this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation!" Hear us, O merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and advocate, through whose intercession, and in whose comprehensive words, we further address Thee, as,

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

II.

A concluding Prayer after the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

O ALMIGHTY God, who art glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders, and whose name alone is JEHOVAH, enable us with holy reverence [*again*] to approach thy mercy-seat; and breathe upon us the Spirit of grace and of supplication, that we may spread before Thee our wants, unbosom to Thee our cares, and praise Thee for the many favours which thou art bestowing upon us from day to day.

Gracious God, we would praise Thee for all the mercies, both spiritual and temporal, with which we are surrounded. and we would thank Thee especially on the present occasion for Thy goodness, in affording to us an opportunity of holding sweet converse with each other on the great things that belong to our everlasting

peace, of reading Thy Word, [*and of singing Thy praises.*] O that with grateful hearts we may echo the words of the Psalmist and say—"Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us bless His holy Name! Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits!"

But alas! O heavenly Father, it is with shame and sorrow that we re-call to mind our multiplied offences against Thee. Too long have other lords besides Thee had dominion over us,---too long have we wasted our time, our talents, and our thoughts, upon the unsatisfying pleasures of this transitory world, and said unto Thee in our hearts, "Depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of Thy ways." Yea even since Thou hast in Thy mercy caused the light of Thy glorious gospel to shine into our hearts, too often have we grieved Thy Holy Spirit, and dishonoured that blessed Name whereby we are called!

But, O Lord, gracious and merciful, we desire now to throw ourselves at the foot-stool of Thy mercy-seat, acknowledging

our sinfulness and bewailing our depravity: We would plead before Thee the atoning blood and perfect righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ, as our only ground for hope of pardon and acceptance with *Thee*, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, O take us under Thy almighty protection, turn us from our iniquities and so shall we be turned,—give us that repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, to which Thou hast graciously promised mercy and pardon,—and send forth the Spirit of Thy Son into our hearts, that we may call Thee with humble confidence ABBA FATHER.

And, grant O Lord, that having CHRIST formed within our souls the hope of glory we may keep His bright example continually before our eyes; that we may walk as He walked, may be made partakers of His spirit, and may be adorned with all heavenly dispositions which shone forth in Him. O may Thy grace reign triumphantly in our souls, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

enabling us to crucify the flesh with the affections and lusts, and to glorify Thee with our bodies and our spirits, which are Thine.

O Thou heart-searching God, who knowest the inmost thoughts of each individual before Thee, and the peculiar trials to which we are severally exposed; —search and try our hearts,—discover to us what is the ground of our confidence,—preserve us from building on any false foundation,—and suit Thy mercies to our several wants.—If any among us are *weak in faith,* O strengthen them with might by Thy Spirit in the inner man, and lead them to Jesus the author and finisher of their faith. —If any are sorrowing *under the burden of indwelling sin,* O speak peace to them, and help them to draw out of the inexhaustible fulness that is treasured up in Jesus, grace for grace—grace to strengthen their faith and animate their hope, to subdue their iniquities and sanctify their souls, and to seal them unto the day of redemption.—If any of us are *walking in darkness, or*

halting between two opinions, O enlighten their eyes, and guide them into that narrow path which leadeth to everlasting life. Be Thou to all of us, our Sun and our Shield, our Strength, and the Rock of our Salvation.

In our families and among our acquaintances, may we show forth the praises of HIM who hath called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. Make us kind and tender hearted, forbearing and forgiving to *all*, even as Thou, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us. May we be instrumental in promoting the knowledge of Thy truth, and conduct ourselves with meekness towards those that oppose themselves. When reviled, may we bless,—when persecuted, may we patiently endure,—when defamed, may we meekly intreat, looking unto HIM, who, though the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person, yet endured the contradiction of sinners against Himself. And help us daily to take up our cross and deny ourselves; and although the world may

deride or persecute; however severe the trials, or distressing the afflictions may be to which we are exposed, never suffer us to be ashamed of Thee or of Thy cause; but, looking forward to the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, may we fight the good fight of faith, and through Thy grace, prove victorious over the world, the flesh, and the devil. O God, establish within us Thy kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and carry us on from strength to strength, until we receive the end of our faith, the eternal salvation of our souls; that when the day of the Lord shall come, we may be numbered among those who shall cast their crowns before the Throne, and unite in the triumphant song of the ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands of the redeemed, saying,—"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and blessing!"

Lord dismiss us now with Thy blessing. Bless us in all our personal and relative concerns. Keep us from all sin and danger, both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls. Let Thine everlasting arms be placed underneath us. And now unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the one eternal and unchangeable JEHOVAH, we would ascribe that glory and praise which we hope to render to Thy Divine Majesty throughout all eternity. Amen.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

III.

A Prayer for the advancement of true Religion at home and abroad.

§¶§ This prayer may be used in the family or social circle before or after the anniversaries of *Bible* Societies, and of Societies for the promotion of Christianity amongst the *Heathen* and the *Jews*.

ALMIGHTY AND MOST MERCIFUL LORD GOD, whose is the earth and the fulness thereof, and whose power *alone* can

change the hearts of sinful men; we humbly beseech Thee, that it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men, that They way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. O look down in compassion from the habitation of Thy holiness upon a world lying in ignorance and in iniquity; and as it is Thy revealed will, that Thy gospel should be preached to every creature under heaven, O send forth Thy light and Thy truth into its most benighted corners, to enlighten the millions who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and to turn them from the power of Satan unto Thyself the living God.

O Thou glorious Head of the Church, who hast obtained the *Heathen* for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession; stretch forth Thy Holy arm; destroy the face of the covering that is over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations, and from the rising of the Sun to the going down thereof, let Thy name be great among

the Gentiles. O may they forsake their Idols and their refuges of lies, and may they hear and receive Thy holy word; may Thy Holy Spirit enlighten their understandings, and prepare their hearts to welcome the sound of the glorious gospel of God our Saviour, and to receive it as a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that CHRIST JESUS came into the world to save *sinners*. O Lord, make them willing in the day of Thy power, and teach them effectually that there *is no other Name* under heaven, given amongst men whereby they can be saved, but the Name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, in whom there is plenteous redemption.

And, O Thou God of Israel, pour down upon Thine ancient people, the Jews, the Spirit of grace and of supplications, that they may look *by faith* to HIM whom their Fathers *pierced*, and mourn. Remove the veil that is upon their hearts, and hasten the time when they shall acknowledge the Lord JESUS to be their Messiah, and be gathered unto His fold; that thus both

Jews and Gentiles may become one flock under one Shepherd, and may unite in one triumphant song of praise to their redeeming God.

Merciful Father, be especially kind to our *native country*. We bless Thee that Thou hast cast our lot in a land where the true light shineth. We praise Thee for all the *national* mercies and privileges which we enjoy. But alas! what a hard-hearted people we are, and what rebellion and ingratitude have we continually betrayed towards Thee, who art year after year crowning us with mercies! O humble us under a sense of our *national* as well as our *individual* sins. Let us not revolt more and more, but cause Thy face to shine upon us, that iniquity may not be our ruin. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

Bless the ministers of Thy holy word. Open to them an effectual door of usefulness. May they go forth in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace,

rightly dividing the word of truth, and directing sinners to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world. Prepare and call forth more labourers into Thy vineyard; for the harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few.

Bless all institutions formed for the good of Society, and for promoting the interests of true Religion; especially those which convey the words of eternal life into the hands of our perishing fellow-creatures, and those which send the messengers of Thine everlasting gospel to distant shores.

O Thou great Shepherd of the sheep, prosper all attempts to bring the *Heathen* into Thy fold. Give those who love Thy Name an increased zeal for Thy glory, and a tender compassion for the souls of their perishing fellow-creatnres in the dark places of the earth.

Let Thy blessing rest also upon all establishments for the instruction of our youth. May all our children be taught of

Thee, that they may remember their Creator in the days of their youth. May their infant minds be directed to JESUS; and as they grow in years may they grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bless all our fellow-citizens throughout the land. Multiply grace, mercy and peace, upon all that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Heal all our unhappy divisions, and may the chief desire of Thy people be to promote that blessed Religion which brings "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good-will towards men." Visit with mercy the sons and daughters of affliction, and over-rule the dispensations of Thy providence to their everlasting good. Satisfy our poor with bread; prosper their earnest endeavors to provide things honest in the sight of all men,—to owe no man any thing but love one to another; and make them poor in spirit that they may be led to seek after the unsearchable riches of Christ. Strengthen the weak in faith,—comfort those that mourn under the burthen of their

sins,—subdue the enmity of the hardened heart, and cause sinners of every description to flee to Thee for refuge from the wrath to come while the door of mercy is still open.

Bless more particularly all our absent relatives and friends—Thou Lord knowest whom we desire to bear on our hearts before Thee; may all who are dear to us by alliance and friendship, be dear to Thee, being adopted by Thy grace and made heirs of Thy glory.

And now, O Lord, while we ask these blessings for others, we would pray for ourselves. We beseech Thee to bless *us*, even *us* also. Search and try our hearts, that no wicked thoughts or sinful desires may be permitted to lodge there. May we be determined to know nothing, as our ground of hope or source of comfort, save JESUS CHRIST and HIM CRUCIFIED, and with enlarged hearts may we run the way of Thy commandments, and evidence in our tempers and in our lives that we are

walking humbly with our God; that at that blissful day when the topstone shall be brought forward with shouts of "Grace, Grace, unto it," *we* may be found among Thy ransomed people, and unite with them in celebrating Thy praises throughout eternity!

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wonderous things; and blessed be Thy glorious name for ever and ever, and let the whole earth be filled with Thy glory. Amen, and Amen.

The *Three* following short Forms may be added, as occasion requires, to the usual devotions in the morning and evening.

I.

A Prayer to be used when any member of a Family is sick.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, at whose word diseases come and depart, encouraged by Thy gracious promises, we flee to Thee in this our time of need. In submission to Thy most wise and holy will, we earnestly supplicate Thee on behalf of *Thy Servant* whose illness causes us great anxiety. O Lord, be gracious to *him*, [or *her*,] and enable *him* to bear with patience those fatherly corrections which Thou dost lay upon *him*. Shew forth Thy power and glory, in raising *him* from the bed of sickness, and in making *him* a monument of Thy pardoning mercy in Christ Jesus. Merciful God, whatever may be the issue of this sickness, give Thy afflicted servant a sanctified use of it; work in *him* deep conviction of sin.

unfeigned repentance towards Thee, and stedfast faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Enable *him* to build all *his* hopes upon the crucified Saviour, and looking unto JESUS, may *he* be filled with resignation, joy and peace. And shouldest Thou in Thy tender mercy bless the means which are used for the restoration of *his* health, Oh! teach him and us to glorify Thee, the God of our Salvation, in our bodies and our souls which are Thine. We present before Thee these our supplications, through the merits and mediation of Thy Beloved Son, our only Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

II.

Or the following may be used when any member of a Family is dangerously ill.

O THOU CREATOR AND PRESERVER of men, to whom belong the issues both of life and death, we earnestly beseech Thee to look down in tender compassion on *Thy Servant* who now groans under the

weight of Thy chastisement. When all human resources fail, and all human hope is lost, it is not in vain to flee to Thee for succour. To the arms of Thy mercy, therefore, we commend *our dear friend*. We know that nothing is impossible with Thee, and that if Thou wilt, Thou canst even yet raise *him* [or *her*] up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us. But enable us, gracious Lord, to resign all our thoughts and desires concerning *him* to Thee, for Thou knowest what is best both for *him* and for us.

Merciful Lord, should this sickness be unto death, we implore Thee to succour and strengthen *him* in *his* last conflict; and the more the outward man decayeth, continually strengthen *him* so much the more with Thy grace in the inner man. Wash away all *his* guilt in the blood of that spotless Lamb who was slain to take away the sins of the world. Cheer *his* soul with a comfortable hope of Thy pardoning mercy; and support *him* whilst passing through the valley of the shadow of death

by the remembrance of Thy exceeding great and precious promises. Looking unto Jesus, may *he* see death deprived of its sting, and the grave of its victory; yea, may *he* be enabled to triumph in the prospect of that period when *he* shall be admitted into Thy kingdom, there to unite with the angelic choir, and the spirits of just men made perfect, to celebrate thy glory throughout all eternity.

O Lord, regard *us* in mercy also; prepare us for whatsoever Thou mayest have appointed for us, and if Thy wisdom and mercy have ordained the removal of *Thy servant*, whom we are remembering before Thee, enable us to meet the awful stroke with serenity of spirit, and to adore the infinite wisdom and love displayed in *this* and in all Thy dispensations towards us. Help us also to improve this solemn season. Realize to our minds the uncertain tenure by which we hold all temporal things, and the vast importance of eternal things. May we hear Thy warning voice saying to us—"Be ye also ready, for

ye know not the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh." O Thou God of our Salvation, send down an answer of peace to these our supplications, and do for us above all that we can ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Mediator. Amen.

III.

A Family Thanksgiving for the recovery of any member of it from a dangerous sickness.

O MOST MERCIFUL LORD GOD, who art wonderful in Thy doings, and gracious in Thy dispensations towards the children of men, we offer up unto Thee our sacrifice of thanksgiving for bringing back Thy servant from the confines of the grave. Blessed be Thy name, that though Thou hast chastened *him*, [or *her*,] Thou hast not delivered *him* over unto death. In the midst of Thy judgments, Thou has remembered mercy,—Thou hast made all

his bed in *his* sickness, and hast restored *him* to the arms of *his* family and *his* friends.

O gracious God, we thank Thee that Thou hast heard our supplications and hast had mercy not on *him* only but on *us* also; for Thou hast turned our mourning into joy, and our disquietude into songs of praise. We beseech Thee to bless all further means made use of for *his* more perfect recovery to bodily health; but above all things influence *his* heart with a grateful sense of thy late goodness towards *him*, that *he* may love Thee more fervently, serve Thee more cheerfully, and trust in Thy salvation more assuredly. Suffer *him* not to become careless because Thou hast lengthened out a little that span of life which must soon terminate; but make *him* the more watchful and diligent in proportion to the mercies vouchsafed to *him*. Open Thou *his* lips that *his* mouth may declare Thy mercy and truth as long as he lives, and grant both to *him* and to us, a desire to

improve the day of grace whilst it shines on us; looking for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee O Eternal Spirit, Three Persons in ONE GOD, be ascribed all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

The following COLLECTS may be added to Morning and Evening Family Prayers, on the principal *Holy Seasons*, which the Episcopal Church commemorates in her yearly service.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

MORNING.

O God who hast so loved the world, as to give THINE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life; help us this day with true humility, and with heartfelt gratitude and love and praise, to meditate upon the great mystery of godliness, GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

With thy holy prophet we would rejoice that "unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given, whose name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of peace."

With the choir of angels, we would tune our harps to the praise of redeeming mercy, and sing, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, good will towards men."

O Lord, bless us this day with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Make us joyful in Thy house of prayer. Whilst we contemplate the wondrous mystery of the incarnation and nativity of Christ Jesus our Lord, may we remember all the blessed ends for which He left the glory that He had with the Father before the world was, and became a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to

visit us in great humility, that in the last day when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost now and ever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

EVENING.

O LORD Jesus Christ, that which we believe of the glory of the Father, and of the Holy Ghost, the same do we believe of Thy glory without any difference or inequality. We adore Thee, as God over all, blessed for ever; who for us men and for our salvation didst come down from heaven and wast incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and wast made man.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that

takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us, for we are vile earth and miserable sinners. In Thee are centered all our hopes of pardon and grace, of consolation and joy.

We bless Thee, that the mystery which hath been hid from ages, hath been revealed unto us, and that this day we have again heard the glad tidings that "unto us was born, a Saviour, which is *Christ the Lord.*

O Lord, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity. Enable us, not only to confess Thee before men as our LORD and our GOD, but also to feel our need of Thee as the alone cause of our acceptance at the throne of grace. And O may we receive out of Thy fulness grace for grace, be conformed to Thy image, and be prepared for the enjoyment of Thy glory.

Saviour of the world, Thou art the light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel,—arise and shine upon the world which is lying in darkness,—add

to Thy church daily such as shall be saved and hasten the time when all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise GOD OUR SAVIOUR, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY,

Or during the Season of Lent.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O THOU infinitely holy Lord God, who canst not look upon iniquity without abhorrence, enter not, we beseech Thee, into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth and miserable sinners; but oh! turn Thine anger from us, who would now acknowledge, and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed by

thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. O Lord, without the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, we cannot truly repent, nor turn unto Thee. May we, by His gracious influence, partake of that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of; and may He give us such discoveries of the nature and evil of sin, that the remembrance of our sins may be grievous unto us, and that we may utterly hate and turn from every evil way. O Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all Thy laws in our hearts we beseech Thee. Help us to flee for refuge to the *Cross* of Christ, and for His sake forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY.

MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption, grant unto us Thy Holy Spirit, that while we observe this holy day, we may be humbled under a conviction of our guilt and corruption, and that we may be filled with lively gratitude, remembering the exceeding great love of our only Saviour Jesus Christ, who died for us, and the innumerable benefits which by His precious blood-shedding he hath obtained to us.

O Lord, prepare our hearts to join in the solemn services of Thy holy temple this day; while we think of the *sufferings* of our *incarnate God*, may we be taught the real nature of sin,—the vanity of the world,—and the obligations which lie upon us to mourn over and to mortify sin in our members, to be submissive to Thy blessed

will in all our sufferings, and to love Him with our whole hearts, who hath so loved us as to give Himself for us.

Bless all Thy servants who are appointed to preach Thy gospel this day; enable them faithfully to set forth CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED as bearing the iniquities of His people; and be pleased to clothe Thy word with Thine own mighty power, that many may flee for refuge to His cross, and find in Him a Saviour suitable to all their wants. Grant these our requests for the love of Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY:

EVENING.

O GOD THE SON, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD, have mercy upon us miserable sinners. We adore Thee, that from love to us, and for our salvation, Thou didst leave Thy throne of glory, and humble Thyself to become obedient unto death,

even the death of the *Cross*. By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, by Thy precious death and burial, good Lord, deliver us. Deliver us from the curse of the law, from the love of sin, and from the fear of death.

Blessed Lord, hear, we beseech Thee, our prayers in behalf of all mankind. Send down the promised blessings of Thy Holy Spirit, that all who are called by Thy Name, but are enemies to Thy cross, may be converted from the error of their way.

And we pray Thee to help Thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood. Let Thy love be shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Ghost being given to them, and help them to glorify Thee with their bodies and their spirits which are Thine.

O Lord, have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart and contempt of Thy word; and so fetch

them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd. Prosper every attempt to promote the knowledge of Thy salvation throughout the world, and hasten the day when Thy kingdom shall fully come, and when all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

We ask all these mercies for ourselves and others in Thine own Name, and would ascribe to Thee, the Lamb of God, who wast slain and hast redeemed us by Thy blood, blessing, and honour and glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY.

MORNING.

MOST gracious God, we bless Thee for permitting us to see the return of this *Sabbath*, for this *sabbath* is an *high* day. This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We are bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world, who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath restored to us verlasting life.

Make us joyful in Thy house of prayer *this day;* may we bow at Thy footstool in humble dependence on Thy promises, and in humble hope of Thy salvation, and whilst we commemorate the resurrection of Christ, that glorious event, by the accomplishment of which all the doctrines of Thy holy gospel are confirmed, may we realize eternal things, and have our hearts surely there fixed where true joys are to be found.

Bless the ministers of Thy word, and while they preach Jesus and the resurrection, may *sinners* who are dead in trespasses and sins be quickened to newness of life, and may Thy *saints* be established in their

most holy faith—and grant that they and we with the residue of Thy holy church, may be inheritors of Thine everlasting kingdom. Hear us, O God. for His merits who died and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER SUNDAY.

EVENING.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who art the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Thee shall not die eternally; we beseech Thee to produce within us true faith in Thee, that we may be raised from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, and be prepared for the enjoyment of Thy heavenly kingdom.

We thank Thee that the word of Thy salvation hath been sent to us, and we beseech Thee that what we have this day heard with our outward ears, may by Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts,

that it may bring forth fruit to Thy praise and glory.

O Thou risen and exalted Saviour, who hast overcome the sharpness of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers, enable us to triumph in the prospect of a joyful resurrection. May the grave, the gate of death, be to us the entrance to eternal blessedness; and when Thou shalt come at the judgment to be glorified in Thy saints, and admired in all them that believe may we be numbered amongst them, and be permitted to cast our crowns at Thy feet saying, "Blessing and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

WHITSUNDAY.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O THOU ETERNAL SPIRIT, the LORD and giver of life, we adore Thee that it is by Thine influence that we have access through our Lord Jesus Christ unto the

Father. We are in constant need of Thy holy inspiration to think those things that be good, and of Thy merciful guiding to enable us to perform the same. Prepare our hearts to join with Thy people *this day* in the solemn services of Thy holy temple. Refresh and comfort our souls while waiting upon Thee in the ordinances of Thine own appointment. And O let all the good pleasure of Thy will be done in us, and by us, to the praise of the glory of Thy grace. Help all our infirmities,—subdue within us the evil heart of unbelief,—and shine upon our souls that we may have the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ;—open our understandings to understand the Holy Scriptures, and our hearts to receive them,—give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity,—and fulfil the promises of Thy word concerning us, that we may be enabled to rejoice with joy unspeakable, and full of glory.

O Thou God of the spirits of all flesh, be pleased to hear our prayers in behalf

of our fellow-creatures;—bear some fresh testimony to the word of Thy grace this day; set it home powerfully upon the hearts of Thy church and people—that sinners may be converted from every evil way, and that Thy saints may be established in the faith of the blessed gospel of God our Saviour.

Hear these our prayers for ourselves and others, and do for us abundantly above all that we can ask or think, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with the Father, and Thyself, Three Persons in ONE GOD, we would ascribe glory and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

TRINITY SUNDAY.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O HOLY, BLESSED, AND GLORIOUS TRINITY, Three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners. We bless Thee for the revelation which Thou hast been pleased to make to us of Thyself, and of all the purposes

of Thy grace and mercy towards our sinful world. Humble us under a deep conviction of our own helplessness,—enlighten our minds,—and sanctify our affections, that we may humbly receive, and cordially embrace that *profound mystery* which Thy Holy Church *this day* adores with special regard. Deliver us, O Lord, from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; and enable us to hold fast the form of sound words, which we have heard, in faith and love. Give us grace that we may worship Thee as ONE GOD, ONE LORD; not only ONE PERSON, but THREE PERSONS IN ONE SUBSTANCE. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we believe of any the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without difference or inequality. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we would laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore praising Thee and saying,—Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory; Glory be to Thee O Lord most High. Amen.

PART III.

PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN

AND YOUNG PERSONS;

And a Liturgy for the use of Sunday and Weekly Schools

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

2 *Cor.* xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

PRAYERS

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS.

Parents and Guardians who teach these forms of prayer to the children committed to their care, should endeavour to explain to their minds the substance of them. And in proportion as their understandings expand, they should instruct them in the prayers which succeed.

A short prayer for a very young Child.

MORNING AND EVENING.

O LORD, Thou hast made me and all the world. Teach me to love Thee above all things, and to serve Thee with my whole heart. Bless [*my Papa and Mamma, &c. and*] all my dear friends. May I love them and obey them. Forgive me every thing that I have done wrong; and when I die, may I go to Heaven to be with Thee for ever. Hear me for the sake of Jesus Christ my only Saviour, Amen.

A Prayer for a young Child.

MORNING OR EVENING.

O LORD, my heavenly Father, have mercy on me a helpless Child. Thou art a holy God and hatest sin. Forgive me all my sins through the merits of my Saviour, and give me a new heart, that I may praise Thee for all Thy goodness to me, and that I may love and serve Thee all the days of my life. In all I do and speak and think, may I remember that Thou, O Lord, seest me. Bless [*my Papa and Mamma, &c. and*] all my dear relations and friends, and make me affectionate and dutiful to them. Keep me from all evil by day and by night; and when I die, bring me to heaven, to be with Thee for ever. I ask these mercies for the sake of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Amen. *Our Father which art &c.*

For children of more mature understanding.

MORNING PRAYER.

O LORD GOD, my Creator and Benefactor, Thy merciful care has preserved

me from all dangers during the night that is past; grant that I may think of Thy goodness to me with love and gratitude. As Thou art the author of all good things, teach me by Thy Holy Spirit to pray aright. Thou knowest all my thoughts, and words, and actions, and Thou hatest iniquity. O Lord, graciously pardon what Thou hast seen amiss in me for the sake of Thy beloved Son, who died on the Cross to save sinners from eternal misery.

Have compassion on the weakness of my youth, and keep me from the evil of this sinful world. Subdue all my proud and evil tempers, and teach me to love Thy Sabbaths, Thy worship, and Thy word. Make me affectionate, respectful, and obedient to my parents* and teachers. May I always regard those as my best friends, who instruct me in Thy will, and who point out to me the true road to eternal happiness. Enable me to love

* Here and in all other such places it is necessary that Children be taught to name only such of their relations as are alive.

my brothers and sisters, and all my companions, and to be civil and obliging to every one. O Lord, bless and protect me during the course of this day, and receive these my petitions for the sake of Jesus Christ my only Saviour. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

EVENING PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom I live, and move, and have my being, and who hast mercifully brought me to the close of another day, Thou art worthy of my love and confidence;—the food that nourishes me,—the raiment that covers me,—the friends that instruct me,—are all the gifts of Thy goodness towards me. O help me to praise Thee for these and all the blessings of this life, but especially for the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Forgive, merciful

God, whatever has been wrong in any part of my conduct this day. O wash away all my guilt in my Saviour's precious blood. According to the baptismal vow that was made in my name, enable me to renounce the sinful works of the world, the flesh, and the devil,—instruct me in the principles of the Christian faith,—and incline my heart to keep Thy holy will and commandments. Bless O Lord, all my relations and benefactors, and keep them and me this night under Thy gracious protection. Refresh us with comfortable sleep, and bring us in health of body and peace of mind to the light of another day. Grant that as I grow in age, I may grow in wisdom and in heavenly grace; and in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Accept these my imperfect petitions for Thy dear Son's sake, who has taught me to pray,

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

Prayers for young Persons.

MORNING PRAYER.

FATHER OF MERCIES, Thou preserver of my days, enable me with the returning sun to seek the light of Thy countenance. Enlighten my dark mind with the beams of Thy glorious gospel, and warm my cold heart with a grateful sense of Thy tender mercies towards me. Thou art infinitely above my highest thoughts, yea, above all the adorations that are offered to Thee by the angels of light:—But as is Thy Majesty so is Thy mercy, and in Thy gospel Thou hast revealed Thyself as willing to pardon every penitent sinner, who seeks for mercy through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious Lord, lead me under a deep conviction of my own guilt, depravity, and helplessness to my Redeemer; who in order to save sinners from everlasting ruin veiled His glory in the flesh, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Too long, O Lord, have I been tied

and bound with the chain of my sins, but let the pitifulness of Thy great mercy loose me. Arm me with that faith which overcometh the world, which purifieth the heart, and which quencheth all the fiery darts of the wicked one. Endue me with strength against all the assaults of temptation, and especially those to which my early years expose me. Keep me from ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word. Enable me to improve every passing hour, and to fulfil my several duties with diligence and cheerfulness, being influenced by a grateful remembrance of the redeeming love of Christ.

To Thy divine protection and blessing I commend *(my Father and Mother, my brothers and sisters, and)* all my relations and friends: Bestow upon them the richest blessings of Thy grace; grant them the knowledge of Thy truth, and help them to esteem Thy favor better than life itself.

Unto Thee do I dedicate my soul and body this morning. Vouchsafe me a con-

tinuance of Thy favour and protection. Possess my soul with renewed dependence on Thy grace, and grant that in all my works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, I may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father which art in heaven, &c.

EVENING PRAYER.

O GOD, my heavenly Father, who hast promised Thy Holy Spirit to those who ask Thee in Thy Son's name, pour down this unspeakable blessing upon me, that my heart may be prepared by His gracious influence to offer up to Thee my evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving.

O Thou Searcher of hearts, surely I have great cause to approach Thee with shame and confusion of face; I am not worthy to lift up my eyes to the Throne of Thy glorious majesty; for Thou art the high and

lofty One who inhabitest eternity, whose name is Holy, but I am sinful dust and ashes, and even in the day that is past, I must with sorrow confess that I have neither loved Thee nor served Thee as I ought. Merciful Lord, I do not presume to come before Thee, trusting in my own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies: In myself, or in my imperfect services, there is no help, and I have no hope; but adored be Thy name, Thou hast commended Thy love to lost sinners in giving Thine only Son to be the propitiation for sin. O Lord, grant that the faith of Thy gospel may ever dwell in me, so as to purify my heart, give peace to my conscience, and influence my life. Suffer not my affections to be enslaved by the vanities of this life, but enable me to make choice of Thee for my present portion, and my everlasting happiness. Let no false hopes, or fears, no sinful pleasures or allurements, ever draw me from the path of duty, but being endued with strength from on high, may I never be ashamed to

confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil.

O Thou almighty Being, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful creatures, be pleased to extend Thy compassion to all ranks and conditions of men. Let Thy ways be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Be especially gracious to my native country; let the President's seat be established in righteousness, and let the knowledge of Thy truth cover the land as the waters do the seas. To Thy merciful protection I humbly commit myself and all my friends this night. Refresh my wearied limbs with sleep, and grant that when the morning shall again dawn upon me, the eyes of my soul may be opened by the renewed light of Thy grace. Accept all my petitions through the prevailing name, and powerful intercession of Jesus Christ, my blessed Redeemer. Amen.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

The following Prayer may be used on Sunday Morning in addition to the daily form of devotion for young persons.

GRACIOUS God, who hast set apart this day for sacred purposes, give me grace to improve it to the comfort of my soul.—Grant me the privilege of assembling with the multitude in Thy holy Temple, and while my lips are uttering the words of prayer, keep my soul from wandering after the vanities of this life. Impress the truths of Thy gospel on my heart, and enable me to bring forth the fruits of righteousness to Thy glory and praise. Let the dew of Thy blessing descend upon Thy servants who are appointed to proclaim Thy gospel; and may the word which they preach, minister grace unto the hearers, that our Sabbaths on earth, may be the prelude of the everlasting Sabbath in Heaven, where love and praise shall no more be interrupted by sin and sorrow. Accept these my petitions through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

A LITURGY

FOR THE USE OF

SCHOOLS.

¶ *When all the Children are assembled and standing up, the Teacher shall read this exhortation.*

MY dear Children before you enter upon your daily business, it is your duty to implore the blessing of Almighty God, your Maker and your Judge. Remember that His all-seeing eye beholds all your thoughts as well as your actions, and is displeased with the outward worship of the lips, in which the heart is not engaged. Let this consideration cause you to pray for the influence of the Holy Spirit, that your hearts may be filled with reverence and godly fear and that you may be enabled through the mediation of Jesus Christ our

Saviour, to worship GOD who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth.

Teacher. Lift up your hearts.

Children. We lift them up unto the Lord.

T. O Lord open Thou our lips.

C. And our mouths shall shew forth Thy praise.

T. Let us unite in singing a hymn of praise to Almighty God.

¶ *Then the Teacher shall give out a suitable Psalm or Hymn to be sung by the Children.*

¶ *After which the Children shall sit down, and a short portion selected from the Bible shall be read to them. Which being done, all shall stand up, and the Teacher and Children shall alternately repeat the following verses from the Psalms of David.*

T. O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. Ps. xcv. 6.

C. For Thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee. Ps. lxxxvi. 5.

T. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Ps. xc. 12.

C. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Ps. xc. 14.

T. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. Ps. ix. 17.

C. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD and shall trust in Him; and all the upright in heart shall glory. Ps. lxiv. 10.

T. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Ps. xxxiv. 18.

C. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Ps. li. 10.

T. Thy righteousness also; O God, is very high, who hast done great things; O God who is like unto Thee? Ps. lxxi. 19.

C. I will go in the strength of the LORD GOD; I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only. Ps. lxxi. 16.

T. *This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Ps. cxviii. 24.

C. *We will go into His tabernacles; we will worship at His footstool. Ps. cxxxii. 7.

T. *How amiable are thy tabernacles; O Lord of hosts! Ps. lxxxiv. 1.

C. *For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand: I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Psalm lxxxiv. 10.

T. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

T. Let us pray.

¶ *All shall kneel down.*

T. O Lord hear our prayers.

C. And let our cry come unto Thee.

*These four verses are to be read on Sundays only.

¶ *The Teacher then shall say, all the Children repeating after him,*

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven: Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us: And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *The Teacher alone, the children following him in their minds, and audibly saying* Amen *at the end of each prayer.*

O LORD, our most merciful Redeemer, who didst take up little children in Thy arms and bless them; look down graciously on us, and bless us also. We confess that we are miserable sinners,—from the youngest to the oldest of us, we have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. But O Lord, have mercy on us, turn Thou us and so shall we be turned, and wash away all our guilt in the blood of Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

FATHER OF MERCIES, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained praise, fill our hearts we beseech Thee with love and our lips with thanksgiving. To Thy goodness we owe every blessing we enjoy; whilst other children are suffering hunger and disease, and cold, Thou art succouring us by day and by night, and giving us food, and health, and raiment. We bless Thee for these Thy mercies toward us, but above all, we bless Thee for the redeeming love of Christ, for all the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Accept these our praises through Thy Beloved Son, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

O GOD, the Creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men. Bless the President of the United States, and all who are in authority. Let Thy blessing descend also upon the ministers of Thy gospel, and may Thy kingdom be established in the hearts of all people. Look down in

mercy on our relations and friends, and teach them to value Thy favor above life itself. Finally, we beseech Thee to bless us, even us also: help us to improve the hours we spend in this place; make us obedient to our teachers, and affectionate to our companions.

*[Especially bless us on this Thy holy day. May Thy presence accompany us to Thy house of prayer, enabling us to worship Thee in a spiritual manner, and preventing us from being drowsy or forgetful hearers of Thy word.]

Open our understandings to understand the Scriptures. Endue our souls with every holy disposition, and preserve us from the corruptions and evils which are in the world. We ask every blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

* This paragraph is to be read on Sundays only.

A SELECTION OF

PSALMS & HYMNS

ADAPTED TO

Family Worship.

(FROM VARIOUS AUTHORS.)

"Let the word of CHRIST dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in *Psalms* and *Hymns*, and *Spiritual Songs*, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." *Col. iii.* 16.

PSALMS.

PSALM IV. 4—8. C. M.

An Evening Psalm.

When shades of night around me spread,
  I'll all my ways rehearse,
In silent stillness on my bed,
  And with my heart converse.

To God my sacrifice shall rise,
  Of righteousness and praise,
While on His Name my heart relies,
  And pleads the SAVIOUR's grace.

"Where—where shall any good be found!
  The thoughtless *many* cry;
Lord, let Thy light my soul surround,
  And lift my triumphs high.

Cheer'd by Thy face, my joyful heart,
  Hath here confirm'd its choice:
Nor *corn*, nor *wine* can e'er impart
  Such pure, such heavenly joys.

Safe in Thy guardian care, I close
  My weary sleeping eyes:
Safe shall my slumbering dust repose,
  Till Thou shalt bid it rise.

GOODE.

PSALM XXXII. 1, 2, 7, 11. S. M.

Pardoning Grace.

How happy is the man,
Whose guilt is found no more!
Whose sins forgiving mercy gain,
By mercy cover'd o'er.

How happy whom the Lord
Absolves from ev'ry sin!
Whose heart with grace divinely stor'd
Conceals no guile within!

Thou art my HIDING PLACE,
My SAVIOUR, and my LORD,
The' troubles rise, Thy sov'reign grace,
Shall songs of joy afford.

Ye who the Lord revere,
Oh triumph in His Name,
His praises with a heart sincere
In shouts of joy proclaim.

GOODE.

PSALM XXXIV. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8. C. M.

Praise to God for protection and salvation.

THRO' all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

Of his deliv'rance I will boast,
'Till all that are distress'd
From my example comfort take
And charm their griefs to rest:

O magnify the Lord with me,
  With me exalt His name!
When in distress to Him I call'd
  He to my rescue came.

O make but trial of his love!
  Experience will decide,
How blest they are, and only they,
  Who in His truth confide.

BRADY & TATE.

PSALM LI. 1, 2, 11, 17. C. M.

The Penitent pleading for mercy.

GREAT God, Thy mercies I entreat,
  For boundless is Thy grace!
Thy mercies num'rous are, and great,
  There all my hopes I place.

Compassion in Thy bosom reigns,
  And mercy's Thy delight;
Then cover o'er my guilty stains,
  And blot them from my sight.

Purge me, O God, from secret guilt,
  From ev'ry stain within;
The *blood divine* my SAVIOUR spilt
  Can cleanse from ev'ry sin.

No more reject me from Thine eyes,
  Nor cast my soul afar;
Nor ever to my heart deny
  Thy Spirit's guardian care.

The trembling sighs, the contrite breast,
Are God's best sacrifice,
The broken heart, with guilt oppress,
The Lord will ne'er despise.

GOODE.

PSALM LXVII. 1, 2, 3, 4. S. M.

A Prayer for the conversion of the nations to the faith of Christ.

(A Missionary Psalm.)

TO bless Thy chosen race,
In mercy, Lord, incline,
And cause the brightness of Thy face,
On all Thy saints to shine.

That so Thy wond'rous way
May thro' the world be known:
Whilst distant lands their tribute pay,
And Thy salvation own.

Let diff'ring nations join
To celebrate Thy fame;
Let all the world, O Lord, combine,
To praise Thy glorious Name.

O let them shout and sing
With joy and pious mirth!
For Thou the righteous Judge and King,
Shalt govern all the earth.

BRADY & TATE.

PSALM LXXXIV. 1, 4, 5, 7. C. M.

The pleasures of public Worship.

(A Sabbath day Hymn.)

O GOD of hosts, the mighty Lord,
How lovely is the place,
Where Thou enthron'd in glory, shew'st
The brightness of Thy face!

O Lord of hosts, my King and God,
How highly blest are they,
Who in Thy temple always dwell
And there Thy praise display!

Thrice happy they whose choice has Thee
Their sure protection made;
Who long to tread the sacred ways
That to thy dwelling lead!

They shall proceed from strength to strength,
And still approach more near,
Till all on Zion's holy mount
Before their God appear.

BRADY & TATE.

PSALM C. 1—5. L. M.

All the world exhorted to praise God.

WITH one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

Convinced that He is God alone,
From whom both we and all proceed;

We, whom He chooses for his own,
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.

O, enter then His temple gate,
Thence to His courts devoutly press,
And still your grateful hyms repeat,
And still His name with praises bless.

For He's the Lord, supremely good
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth, which always firmly stood,
To endless ages shall endure.

BRADY & TATE.

PSALM CXVI. 12, 13. C. M.

What shall I render to the Lord?

FOR mercies countless as the sands,
Which daily I receive
From Jesus my Redeemer's hands,
My soul what can'st thou give?

Alas from such a heart as mine,
What can I bring Him forth?
My best is stain'd and dy'd with sin,
My all is nothing worth.

Yet this acknowledgement I'll make
For all He has bestow'd;
Salvation's sacred cup I'll take,
And call upon my God.

The best returns, for one like me,
So wretched and so poor,
Is from His gifts to draw a plea,
And ask Him still for more.

I cannot serve Him at I ought;
No works have I to boast:
Yet would I glory in the thought
That I should owe Him most.

NEWTON.

PSALM CXVII. 1, 2. L. M.

Praise to God from all nations.

[A Missionary Psalm.]

FROM all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Thro' ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

WATTS.

PSALM CXVIII. 24—25. C. M.

Christ's resurrection and our salvation.

[For Easter day, or, any Sabbath day.]

THIS is the day the Lord hath made,
He calls the hours His own;
Let Heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.

To-day He rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
To-day the saints his triumph spread
And all His wonders tell.

Hosannah to th' anointed King,
  To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
  Salvation from Thy throne.

Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
  With messages of grace
Who comes in God His Father's name,
  To save our sinful race.

Hosannah in the highest strains,
  The church on earth can raise,
The highest heav'ns in which he reigns
  Shall give him nobler praise.

WATTS.

PSALM CXXII. 6, 7, 8, 9. C. M.

Prayer for the peace of the Church.

[A sabbath day Psalm.]

NOW Let your pray'rs for *Zion's* peace
  To holy fervors grow,
For they who love the sacred place,
  Shall endless blessings know.

Let *peace* within Thy walls be found,
  And ever rich supplies;
Let faith, and love, and joy abound,
  Where'er Thy temple rise.

The saints, my *Brethren,* worship there,
  The dearest to my breast;
Their peace shall still engage my pray'r,
  Let all Thy *Church* be blest.

But there, my God, Thy glories shine,
And in Thy *House* abide;
Hence shall that noblest work be mine,
To spread her honours wide.

GOODE.

PSALM CXXVIII. 1, 2, 3. S. M.

Communion of saints; or, love and worship in a family.

BLEST are the sons of peace,
Whose hearts and hopes are one;
Whose kind designs, to serve and please,
Thro' all their actions run.

Blest is the pious house
Where zeal and friendship meet;
Their songs of praise; their mingled vows,
Make their communion sweet.

Thus, when on Aaron's head,
They pour'd the rich perfume,
The oil thro' all his raiment spread,
And pleasure fill'd the room.

Thus, on the heav'nly hills,
The saints are blest above.
Where joy like morning dew distills;
And all the air is love.

WATTS.

PSALM CXLIX. 1, 2, 3, 4. P. M.

Praise to God for Salvation.

O PRAISE ye the Lord;
Prepare your glad voice,

His praise in the great
  Assembly to sing:
In our great Creator
  Let Israel rejoice;
And Children of Zion
  Be glad in their King.

Let them His great name
  Extol in the dance;
With trimbrel and harp
  His praises express,
Who always takes pleasure
  His saints to advance,
And with His salvation
  The humble to bless.

BRADY & TATE.

Gloria Patri.

By angels in heaven, &c.

HYMNS.

HYMN I. C. M.

The excellency of the Holy Scriptures.

FATHER of mercies! in Thy word
  What endless glory shines!
For ever be Thy Name ador'd
  For these celestial lines.

Here, the Redeemer's welcome voice
  Spreads heav'nly peace around;

And life, and everlasting joys,
Attend the blissful sound.

O may these heav'nly pages be
My ever dear delight;
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord!
Be Thou for ever near;
Teach me to love Thy sacred word,
And view my Saviour there!

STEELE.

HYMN II. L. M.

A Morning Hymn.

AWAKE my soul, and with the sun,
Thy daily course of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Glory to God, who safe hath kept,
And hath refresh'd me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, that when from death I wake.
I may of endless bliss partake.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;
Scatter my sins like morning dew;
Guard my first spring of thought and will:
And with Thyself my spirit fill.

May all my converse be sincere;
My conscience as the noonday clear;
For Thine all-seeing eye surveys,
My secret thoughts, and all my ways.

Direct, control, suggest this day,
All I shall do, or think, or say;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, &c.

BP. KEN.

HYMN III. L. M.

An Evening Hymn.

GLORY to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Under Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ills which I this day have done;
That with the world, myself and Thee,
I ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
With joy behold the judgment day.

O may my soul on Thee repose,
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that may me more active make
To serve my God when I awake.

O may my soul for ever share
The bliss of Thy paternal care;
T'is heav'n on earth, 'tis heav'n above
To see Thy face and sing Thy love.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, &c.

BP. KEN.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

HYMN IV. C. M.

The Incarnation. John. i. 14.

AWAKE, awake the sacred song
To our incarnate Lord;
Let ev'ry heart and ev'ry tongue,
Adore th' eternal Word.

That awful Word, that sov'reign Pow'r,
By whom the worlds were made;
(O happy morn! illustrious hour!)
Was once in flesh array'd!

Then shone almighty pow'r and love,
In all their glorious forms:
When Jesus left His throne above
To dwell with sinful worms.

To dwell with misery below,
The Savionr left the skies;
And sunk to wretchedness and woe,
That worthless man may rise.

What glory, Lord, to Thee is due!
With wonder we adore;
But could we sing as angels do,
Our highest praise were poor.

STEEL.

FOR GOOD FRIDAY.

HYMN V. C. M.

The Fountain opened. Zech. xiii. 1.

THERE is a fountain fill'd with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,

And sinners, plung'd beneath that flood,
  Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoic'd to see
  That Fountain in his day,
And there have I, as vile as he,
  Wash'd all my stains away!

Dear dying Lamb! Thy precious blood
  Shall never lose its pow'r:
Till all the ransom'd church of God
  Be sav'd to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
  Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
  And shall be, till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
  I'll sing Thy pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping stamm'ring tongue
  Lies silent in the grave.

COWPER.

THE EASTER HYMN.

HYMN VI. SEVENS.

(Extracted from the Hymns which are now printed at the end of the Book of Common Prayer.)

JESUS CHRIST is ris'n to day,
Our triumphant Holy-day;
Who did once upon the cross
Suffer to redeem our loss. *Hallelujah.*

Hymns of praise then let us sing
Unto CHRIST our Heav'nly King;

Who endur'd the cross and grave,
Sinners to redeem and save. *Hallelujah.*

But the pains which He endur'd
Our salvation hath procur'd;
Now above the sky He's King,
Where the angels ever sing. *Hallelujah.*

HYMN VII. C. M.

Christ's intercession Prevalent. John xvii. 25

AWAKE, sweet gratitude! and sing,
Th' ascended SAVIOUR's love;
Sing how He lives to carry on
His people's cause above.

For all that come to God by Him,
Salvation He demands;
Points to their Names upon His breast,
And spreads His wounded hands.

Eternal life, at His request,
To ev'ry saint is giv'n;
Safety below, and after death,
The plenitude of heav'n.

TOPLADY.

FOR WHITSUNDAY OR TRINITY SUNDAY.

HYMN VIII. L. M.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME, HOLY GHOST, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;

Thou the anointing SPIRIT art,
Who dost Thy sev'n-fold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love:
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face,
With the abundance of Thy grace,
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the FATHER, SON,
And THEE, of both, to be but ONE;
That, through the ages all along,
This, This may be our endless Song.

Praise GOD, from whom all blessings flow, &c.

HYMN IX. S. M.

To the Holy Spirit.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, come;
Let Thy bright beams arise,
Dispel the darkness from our minds,
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin;
Then lead to JESU'S blood;
And to our wond'ring view reveal
The secret love of God,

'Tis Thine to cleanse the heart,
To sanctify the soul,
To pour fresh life on ev'ry part,
And new create the whole.

HART.

HYMN X. L. M.

Family Religion.

FATHER of all, Thy care we bless,
Which crowns our families with peace:
From Thee they spring and by Thy hand,
They have been, and are still sustain'd.

To Thee may each united house,
Morning and night present its vows;
Our Servants there, and rising race,
Be taught Thy precepts and Thy grace.

O may each future age proclaim,
The honours of Thy glorious name!
While pleas'd and thankful we remove
To join the family above.

DODDRIGE.

HYMN. XI. C. M.

Going a journey; or, removing to a new habitation.

GREAT God, where'er we pitch our tent,
  Let us an altar raise;
And there with humble frame present
  Our sacrifice of praise.

To Thee we give our health and strength,
  While health and strength shall last;
For future mercies humbly trust,
  Nor e'er forget the past.

HYMN XII. C. M.

God all-sufficient in time of affliction.

'TIS faith supports my feeble soul,
In times of deep distress;
When storms arise and billows roll,
Great God I trust Thy grace.

Thy pow'rful arm still bears me up,
Whatever griefs befal;
Thou art my life, my joy, my hope,
And Thou my all in all.

(Bereft of friends, beset with foes,
With dangers all around,
To Thee I all my fears disclose
In Thee my help is found,)

In ev'ry want in ev'ry strait,
To Thee alone I fly,
When other comforters depart,
Thou art for ever nigh.

BEDDOME.

HYMN XIII. L. M.

Submission in time of affliction.

SINCE ev'ry trial marks the road,
Which leads to happiness and God;
Shall I then murmur and complain,
Of sorrow's load, of grief or pain?

No, let me rather humbly bow
To Him from whom my sorrows flow;
Yielding myself to His command,
And meekly kiss His smiting hand.

Chastise my soul but not destroy,
And be my sorrows mix'd with joy,
Joy, such as earth can ne'er bestow;
Joy which Thy children only know.

Make Thou my longing soul Thine own,
Thine would I be and Thine alone;
Pour Thine own Spirit on my breast,
And soothe each anxious thought to rest.

HYMN XIV. P. M.

I will trust and not be afraid. Isaiah. xii. 2,

BEGONE, unbelief, my Saviour is near,
And for my relief will surely appear;
By pray'r let me wrestle, and He will perform,
With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.

Though dark be my way, since He is my guide,
'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to provide;
Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail
The word he has spoken shall surely prevail.

His love in time past, forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink;
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review
Confirms His good pleasure to help me quite thro'

Since all that I meet shall work for my good,
The bitter is sweet, and the med'cine is food;
Though painful at present, 'twill cease before long,
And then, O how pleasant the conqueror's song.

NEWTON.

HYMN XV. L. M.

The Tolling Bell.

OFT as the bell with solemn toll,
Speaks the departure of a soul,
Let each one ask himself, am I
Prepar'd, should I be called to die?

Lord Jesus! help me now to flee,
And seek my hope alone in Thee;
Apply Thy blood, Thy Spirit give,
Subdue my sins, and in me live.

Then when the solemn bell I hear,
If sav'd from guilt, I need not fear:
Nor would the thought distressing be,
Perhaps it next may toll for me.

Rather my spirit would rejoice,
And wait impatient for Thy voice;
Glad when it bids me earth resign,
Secure of heav'n, if Thou art mine.

NEWTON.

MISSIONARY HYMNS.

HYMN XVI. L. M.

Coming of Christ's Kingdom. Matth. vi. 10.

ASCEND Thy throne, Almighty King,
And spread Thy glories all abroad;
Let Thine own arm salvation bring,
And be Thou known the gracious God.

Let millions bow before Thy seat,
  Let humble mourners see Thy face;
Bring daring rebels to Thy feet;
  Subdu'd by Thy victorious grace.

Oh let the kingdoms of the world
  Become the kingdoms of the Lord;
Let saints and angels praise Thy name,
  Be Thou thro' heav'n and earth ador'd.

BEDDOME.

HYMN XVII. P. M.

Longing for the spread of the gospel.

O'ER these gloomy hills of darkness
  Look, my soul, be still, and gaze!
See the promis'd day approaches,
  Day of universal grace.
    Blessed Jubilee,
    Let thy glorious morning dawn!

Let the Indian, let the Negro,
  Let the rude Barbarians see
That divine and glorious conquest
  Once obtain'd on Calvary:
    Let the gospel,
    Loud resound from pole to pole.

Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel,
  Win and conquer; never cease;
May thy lasting wide dominion
  Multiply and still increase!
    Sway Thy sceptre,
    Saviour, all the world around!

HYMN XVIII. C. M.

The spiritual Coronation.

ALL-HAIL the pow'r of Jesu's name!
Let angels prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
A remnant weak and small!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall;
Go spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that, with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the *everlasting* song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

DOXOLOGIES.

C. M.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

S. M.

To God the Father, Son,
And Spirit, glory be;
As 'twas, and is, and shall be so
To all eternity.

L. M.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

P. M.

As Psalm 149.

By angels in heav'n
Of ev'ry degree,
And saints upon earth,
All praise be address'd,
To God three in person,
One God ever bless'd;
As it has been, now is,
And always shall be.

REFERENCES,

TO SELECT PORTIONS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

The following arrangement of portions of the Holy Scriptures is not made with the view to supersede the reading throughout, in regular order, the sacred volume. Perhaps the most edifying and instructive method of reading the Word of God in a family, is regularly to go through the New Testament in the morning, and to select parts of the Old in the Evening. For occasional use, however, in a family or social circle, the writer humbly hopes that the following selection will not be unacceptable.

The Holy Scriptures.

Psalm xix. Psalm cxix. which last may be read in different portions:

(single texts.)

Deut. xi. 18, 19. Isaiah viii. 20. Luke xxiv. 44, 45. John v. 39. xx. 31. Acts xvii. 11. Rom. xv. 3, 4. 2 Tim. iii. 15, 16.

The Fall of Man, and restoration by Christ.

Gen. iii. Gen. vi. Rom iii. Rom. v. Eph. ii.

The Divinity of Christ.

John i. 1—12. Col. i. 1—19. Heb. i. 1—14.

The Incarnation and Nativity.

Isaiah ix 1—8.
(First Lesson for Morning Service on Christmas day.)
Luke ii. 1 —52.
(Second Lesson for Morning Service on Christmas day.)
Phil. ii. 1—15.

The Epiphany, or manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Isaiah xxxv. xlii. xlix. 1—17. lx. Eph. iii. 1.

The TEMPTATION of CHRIST.
Matt. iv 1—12. Luke iv. 1—13

For the SEASON of LENT.
Psalms li. and cxxx. Joel ii. 12—18. Rom. vii. 2 Cor. vii. Gal. v. 16—26. Eph. vi. 10—19.

The PASSION and CRUCIFIXION.
Psalms xxii. lix
(Proper Psalms for Good Friday.)
Isaiah liii.
(First Lesson for Evening Service on Good Friday.)
The last chapters of the Four gospels.
Rom. v. Phil. ii. 1—15. Heb. ix. 11.—28.

The RESURRECTION.
Luke xxiv. John xx. xxi. Acts ii. 22.—47. 1 Cor. xv
The ASCENSION and EXALTATION of CHRIST.
Psalms xxiv. lxviii. Acts ii. 1—11. Phil. ii. 1—16.

The DIVINITY and PERSONALITY of the HOLY SPIRIT.
Acts v. 1—11. John xvi. 1—15.

The PROMISE, Descent, and OFFICES of the HOLY SPIRIT.
John xiv. Acts ii.
(Parts of these chapters are appointed for the Epistle and gospel for Whitsunday.)
John iii. 1—16. Cor. ii. Rom. viii. Gal v.

The TRINITY in UNITY.
Isaiah vi. Matt. iii 13—17. Matt. xxviii. 18—20.
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Gen. i. 26. Isaiah xlviii. 16. lxi. 1. 2 Cor. xiii. 14. Eph. ii. 18. 2 Thess. iii. 5. 1 John v. 7.

The Discourses of our blessed Lord.

Jesus converses with Nicodemus about the new birth, and faith in himself — John iii. 1—32.

He discourses with a woman of Samaria about the object and nature of spiritual worship. — John iv. 1—42.

—delivers the sermon on the mount, in which he pronounces blessings on certain characters. Matt. v. 1—16.

He establishes the moral law, and vindicates it from the false glosses that had been put upon it. Matt. v. 17—48.

—gives His disciples some cautions respecting alms, deeds, prayer, and fasting, and teaches them the LORD'S PRAYER. Matt. vi. 1—18.

—inculcates the preference of heavenly to earthly treasure. Matt. vi. 19—34.

—warns them not to pass rash censures upon others, to be earnest in prayer and points out the difficulty of getting to heaven. Matt. vii. 1—14.

—shews the danger of false teachers, and false profession, and makes an application of the sermon. Matt. vii. 14—29.

He sends out his twelve apostles and instructs them concerning their services and sufferings. Matt. x. 1—42.

—answers the disciples sent by John the Baptist, and reproves the multitude for rejecting John and himself. Matt. xi. 1.—19.

—upbraids the cities for their impenitence and invites the weary sinner to come to Him for rest. Matt. xi. 20—30.

He answers the blasphemous cavals of the Scribes and Pharisees who impute the miracles that He wrought to the power of Beelzebub. Matt. xii. 22—37.

—vindicates himself from the charge of Sabbath breaking in the cure of the man at Bethesda, asserts his authority as Messiah, and refers the Jews to the testimony of His Father, of John the Baptist, of His own mira-

cles and of the old Testament scriptures. John v. 14—47.
—discourses with the people at Capernaum concerning Himself, as the bread of life, occasioned by the miracle of the loaves. John vi. 26—59.
—reproves the pharisees for their superstition and hypocrisy, and states what does, and what does not defile a man. Mark vii. 1—23.
—foretells His sufferings and resurrection, rebukes Peter, and teaches His disciples that they must bear their cross. Matt. xvi. 13—28.
—blesses young children. Mark x. 13—16.
—cautions His disciples against the temptation of riches Mark x. 17—27.
He shews them the advantages of suffering for the gospel's sake and foretells His own sufferings and resurrection. Mark x. 28—34.
—preaches in the temple to a great concourse of people, and the officers who were sent to apprehend Him are overcome by His eloquence. John vii. 14—53.
—speaks of Himself as the light of the world, vindicates His doctrine, and asserts His divinity. John viii. 12—59.
—sends out the seventy disciples. Luke x. 1—24.
—teaches his disciples how to pray Luke xi. 1—13.
—denounces heavy woes against the scribe and Pharisees. Luke xi. 29—54.
—chargeth His disciples to cast their care upon God, and to make religion their chief business. Luke xii. 1—34.
—teaches the necessity of repentance. Luke xiii. 1—9.
—confutes the Herodians, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees. Matt. xxii. 15—46.
—predicts the destruction of Je-

rusalem and the end of the world.	Matt. xxiv. 1—31.
—institutes the sacrament of the Lord's supper.	Luke xxii. 8—20.
He delivers His farewell sermon, in which He comforts His disciples under their troubles, speaks of Himself as the way to the Father, asserts His divinity, promises another Comforter and bequeaths the blessing of peace.	John xiv. 1—31.
—commands His disciples to abound in fruits, and comforts them against the persecutions of the world.	John xv. 1—27.
—promises the Holy Spirit, and promises to visit them again in person after His resurrection and to secure an answer to their prayers.	John xvi. 1—33.
He declares Himself before the Jewish Sanhedrim to be the Christ the Son of God.	Matt. xxvi. 57—64.
—speaks from the cross to His friends and expires.	John xix. 25—30.
—appears after His resurrection to his disciples, repeats His blessing of peace upon them, and reproves Thomas for his incredulity.	John xx. 19—31.
—orders Peter in proof of his love to feed His lambs and his sheep, and foretells the manner of Peter's death,	John xxi. 15—25.
He gives the apostles their commission and ascends into heaven.	Mark xvi. 14—20.

Parables of our Blessed Saviour.

The new birth.	John iii. 1—12.
The sower and the seed.	Matt. xiii. 1—23.
The tares amongst the wheat.	Matt xiii. 24—30 and 36—43.
The insolvent debtors.	Luke vii. 36—50.
The unmerciful servant.	Matt. xviii. 21—35.

The ten virgins.	Matt. xxv. 1—13.
The talents.	Matt. xxv. 14—30.
The good Samaritan.	Luke x. 25—37.
The rich fool.	Luke xii 16—32.
The watchful servant.	Luke xii. 35—48.
The great supper.	Luke xiv. 12—24.
The lost sheep and the prodigal son.	Luke xv.
The rich man and Lazarus.	Luke xvi. 19—31.
The pharisee and publican.	Luke xviii. 9—14.
The good Shepherd.	John i. 1—30.
The True Vine.	John xv. 1—11.
The ten pounds.	Luke xix. 11—27.
The wicked husbandmen.	Luke xx. 9—18.
The marriage Feast and wedding garment.	Matt. xxii. 1—14
The labourers in the vineyard.	Matt xx. 1—16.

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The daughter of the woman of Canaan.	Matt. xv. 21—28.
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Causes a miraculous draught of fishes.	Luke v. 1—11.

Examples of Saints.

Repenting.

Job.	Job xlii. 1—10.
David.	Psalm li.
The Church.	2 Cor. vii.

Humbled.

Peter	Luke xxii. 31—34, and 54—62.
Manasseh.	2 Chron. xxxiii. 1—13.

Believing.

Abraham.	Rom. iv.
The woman of Canaan.	Matt. xv. 21—28.
Magdalen.	Luke vii. 36—50.
The Centurion.	Luke vii. 1—10.
The Jailor at Phillippi.	Acts xvi. 16—34.

Praying.

Abraham.	Gen xviii 17—33.
Jacob.	Gen. xxxii 6—30.
Solomon.	1 Kings 5—15.
Hezekiah.	2 Kings xix. 15—20—35 37.
	Isaiah xxxviii.
Nehemiah.	Neh. i. 4—11.
Daniel.	Dan. ix. 3—27.
Paul.	2 Cor xii. 1—10.
	Eph. i. 15—23.
	iii. 8—21.
	Phil. i. 2—11.
	Col. i. 9—19.

Doubting.

Peter.	Matt. xiv. 22—33.
The Disciples going to Emmaus.	Luke xxiv. 13—35.
Thomas.	John xx. 24—31.

Conflicting with Sin.

Paul.	Rom. vii. 7—25.

Submissive under Affliction.

Job.	Job i.
Eli.	1 Sam. iii. 1—18.

Suffering for Christ

Peter and John.	Acts iv. 1—22.
Stephen.	Acts vii. 51—60.
James and Peter.	Acts xii. 1—19.
Paul and Silas.	Acts xvi 16—40.
Paul.	2 Cor. vi. 1—10.
The Old Testament Saints.	Heb. xi.

Praising.

David	2 Sam. xxii.
	Ps. ciii. cxvi. cxviii.

Triumphing.

Paul.	Rom. viii. 28—39.

Glorified.

The Redeemed.	Rev. vii. 9—17.

On Funeral Occasions.

Job xiv.
Psalms xxxix. xc.
John xi. 1 Cor. xv.

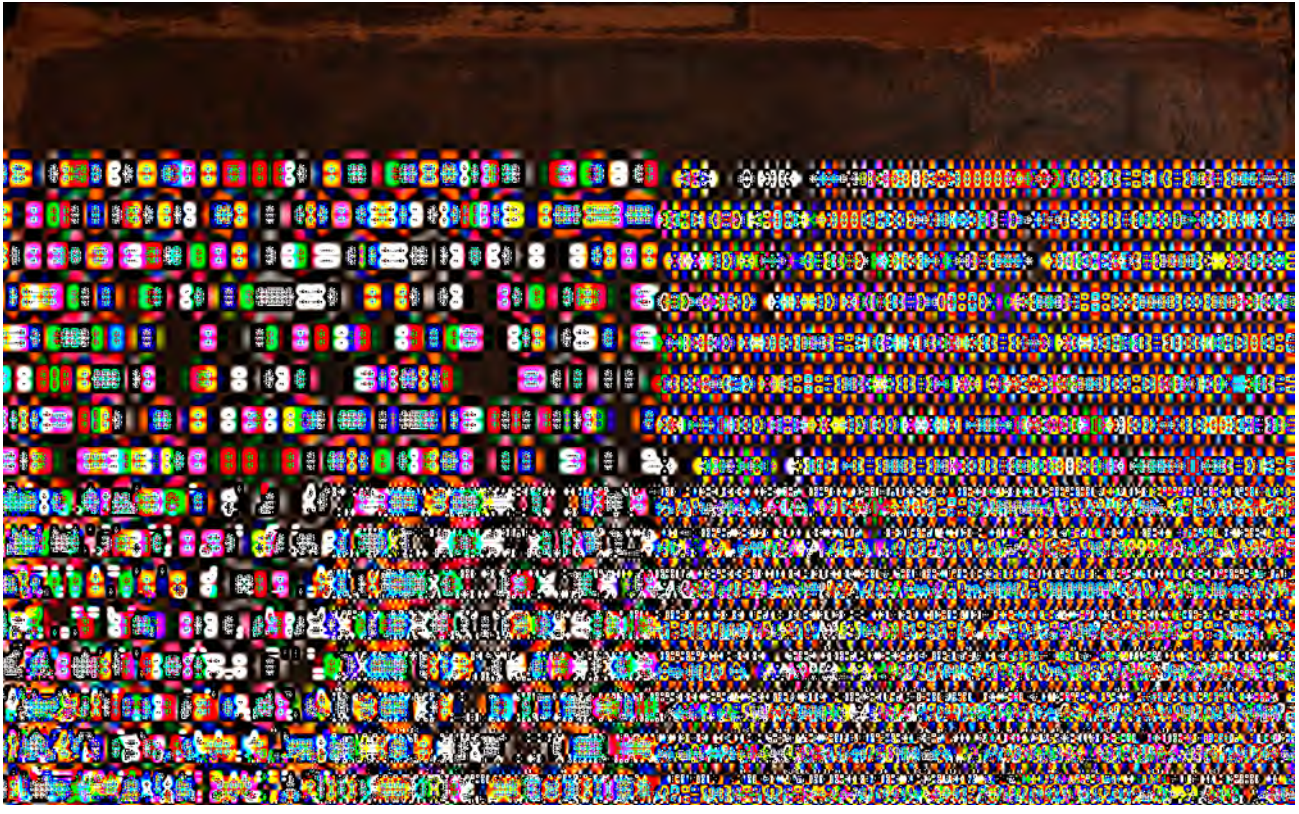
On Missionary Occasions.

Psalms ii. xlv. lxxii. cxv. cxlv.
Isaiah xxxv. xliv. 1—23. lv. lxv.
Rev. xiv. xxii.

On the Conversion of the Jews.

Psalms xlv. cii.
Dan. ix. Ezek. xxxvii. 1—14.
Zech. xii. 8—14, and xiii. 1. Rom. xi.

"Search the SCRIPTURES, for in them ye think ye "have eternal life, and they are they which testify of "me." (saith the Lord Jesus Christ) John v. 39.

"For all the promises of God in HIM are Yea, and in HIM Amen, to the glory of God." 2 Cor. i. 20.

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